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WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?

**"THE DAY THEY SOLD
SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS"**

PLUS
**"THE GIRL WHO
WORSHIPPED
CLARK KENT"**
EXTRA! **ECLIPSO**
WAS HE HERO OR
VILLAIN?

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KEEP OUT**

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WHAT DO THESE CHAMPIONS HAVE IN COMMON...WITH YOU?

MR. OLYMPIA



Larry Scott, "Mr. Olympia," was a 136-lb. skinny weakling. He wrote for my free information—just as you should—and now weighs 205 lbs. with 20-inch arms! One of the world's best-built men ever! How about you?

MR. UNIVERSE



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MR. UNIVERSE



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THEY ANSWERED A WEIDER AD—GAINED 3 INCHES TO THEIR ARMS —4 INCHES TO THEIR CHEST— IN 7 SHORT WEEKS! YOU TOO?

You, too—just like these champions—can now own a handsome, muscular body—fast! You, too, can now finally follow the exact same instructions these champs did, and in just 15 minutes a day, in the privacy of your own home, you can instantly slap on 4 inches to your chest and 3 inches to each arm, give yourself lifeguard shoulders, muscularize your waist, get speedy legs, and exercise your body. The techniques are simple, there's nothing complicated, just downright enjoyable!

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champions—who were also weaklings—to put an end to your weakness and shame. Write now for my free information—you'll be so happy you did! After all, you have nothing to lose but your weakness!

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CITY _____ STATE _____
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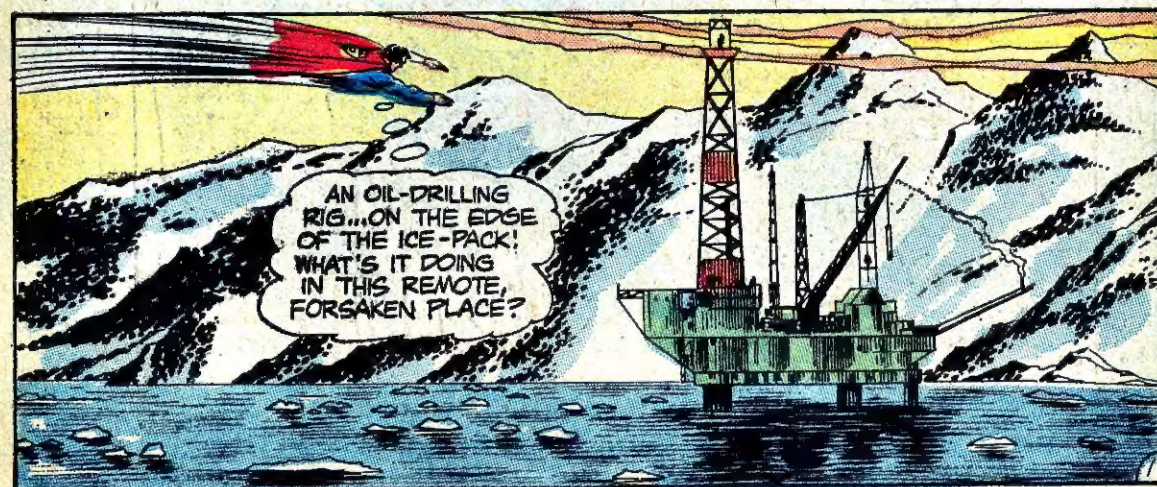
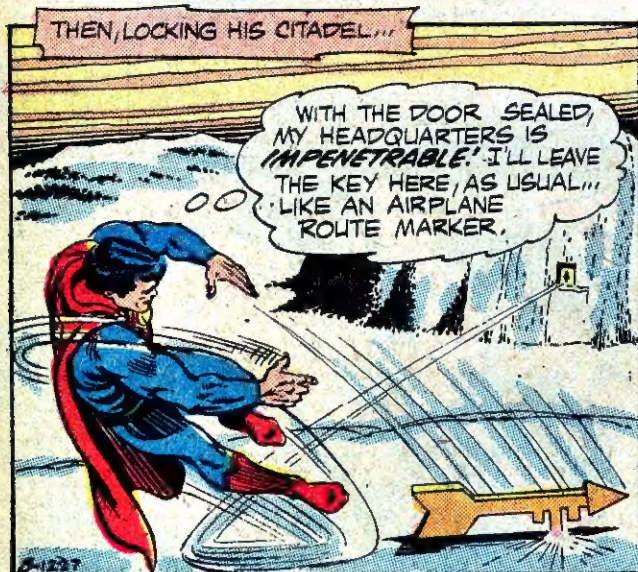
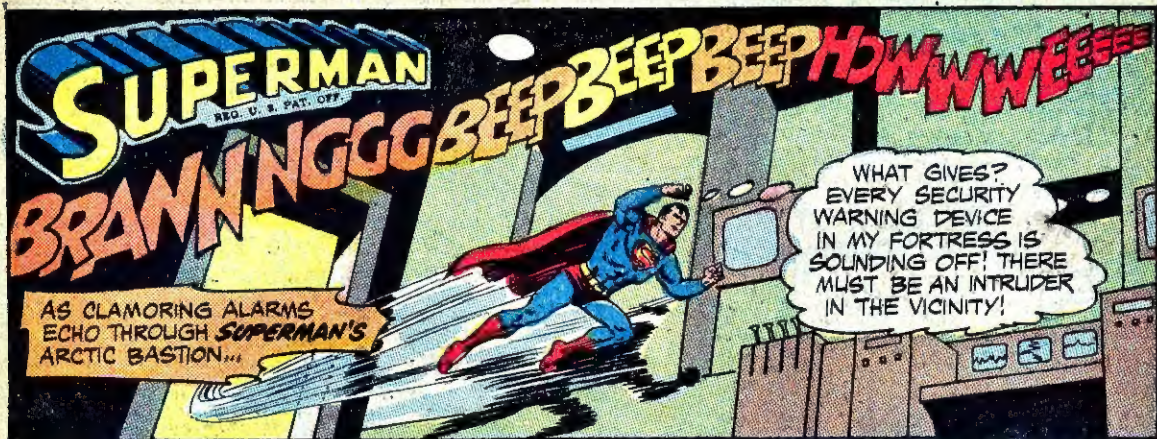
Here's the kind of body I want (Check as many as you wish).

- ☐ Bigger arms
- ☐ Larger Chest
- ☐ Broader Shoulders
- ☐ Athletic Legs
- ☐ More Weight
- ☐ Lose Weight
- ☐ Magnetic Personality



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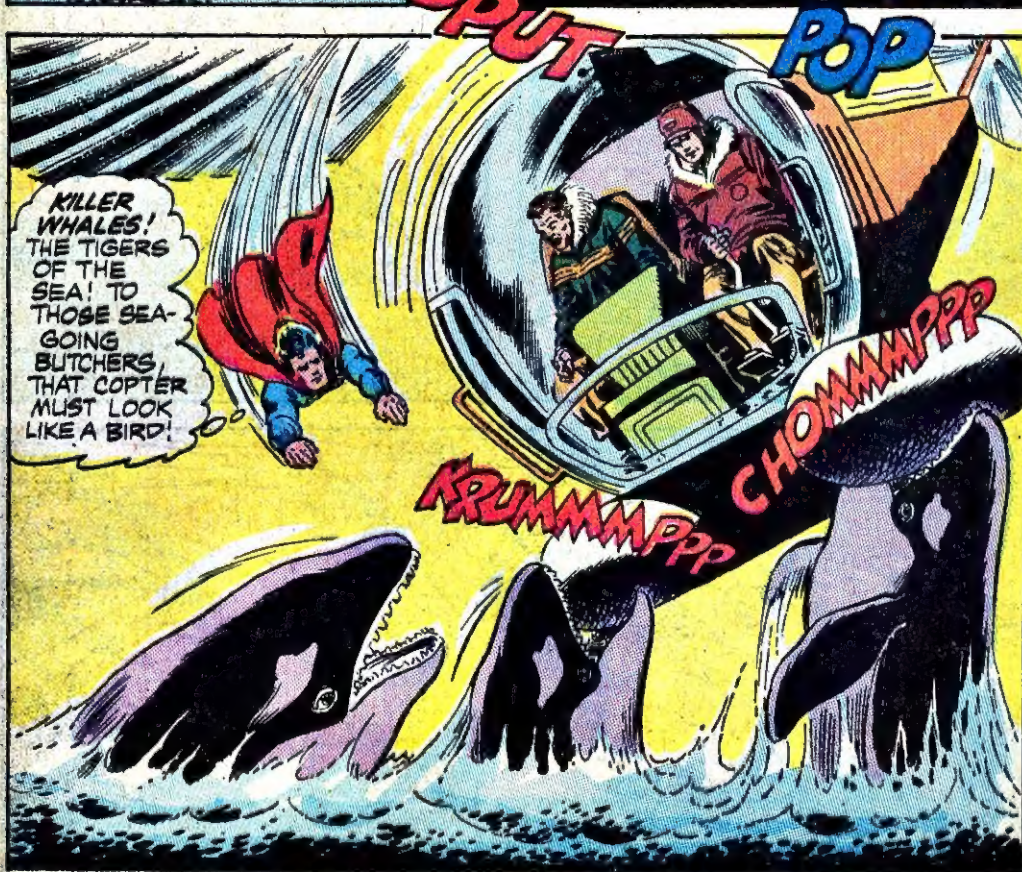
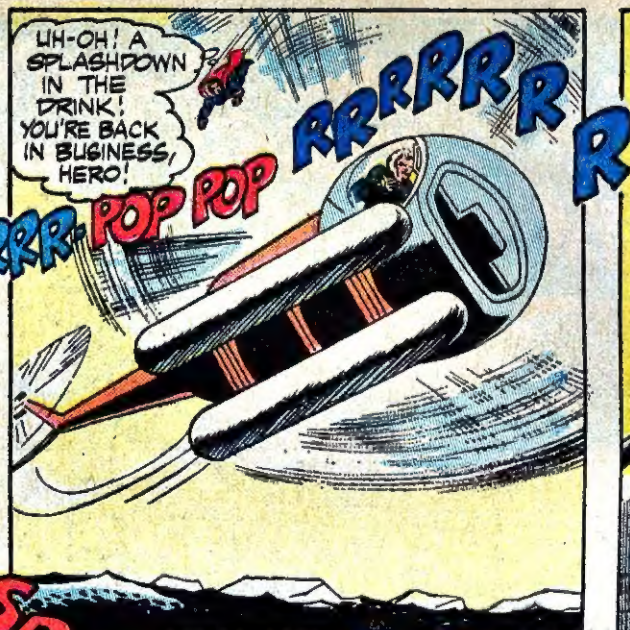
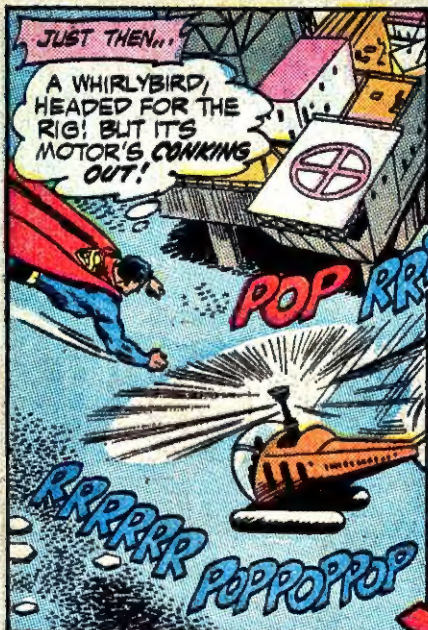
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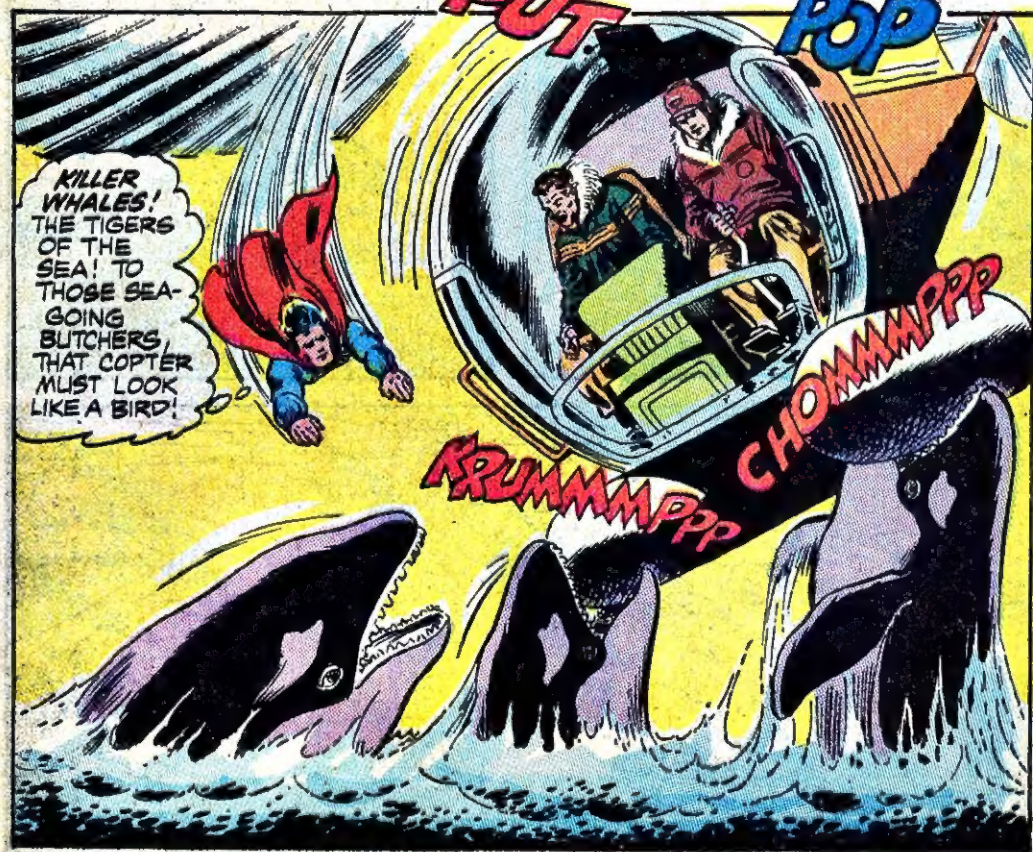
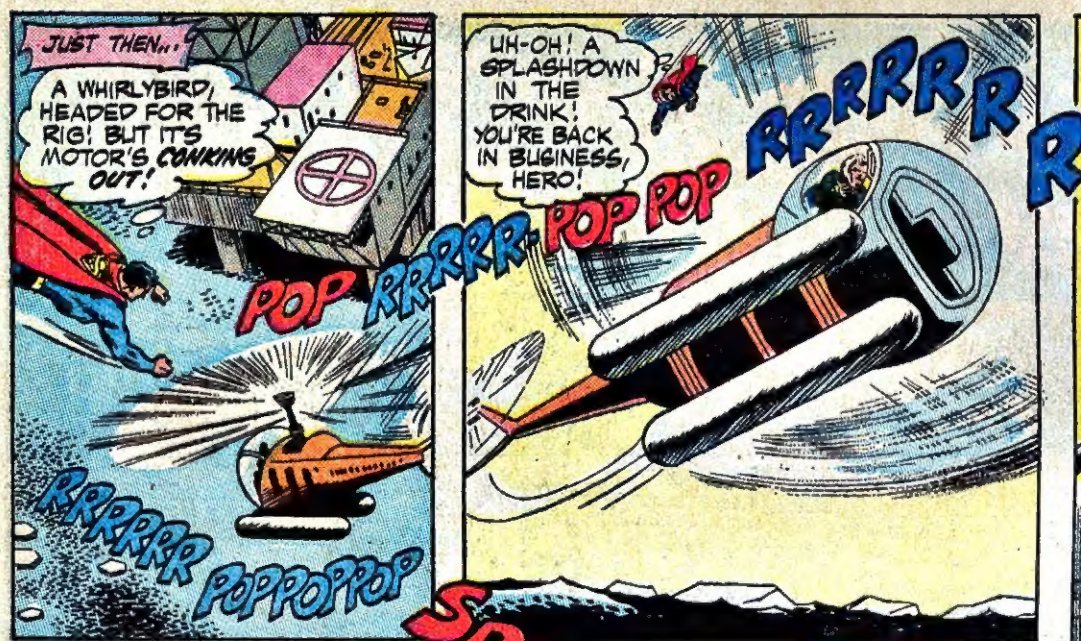


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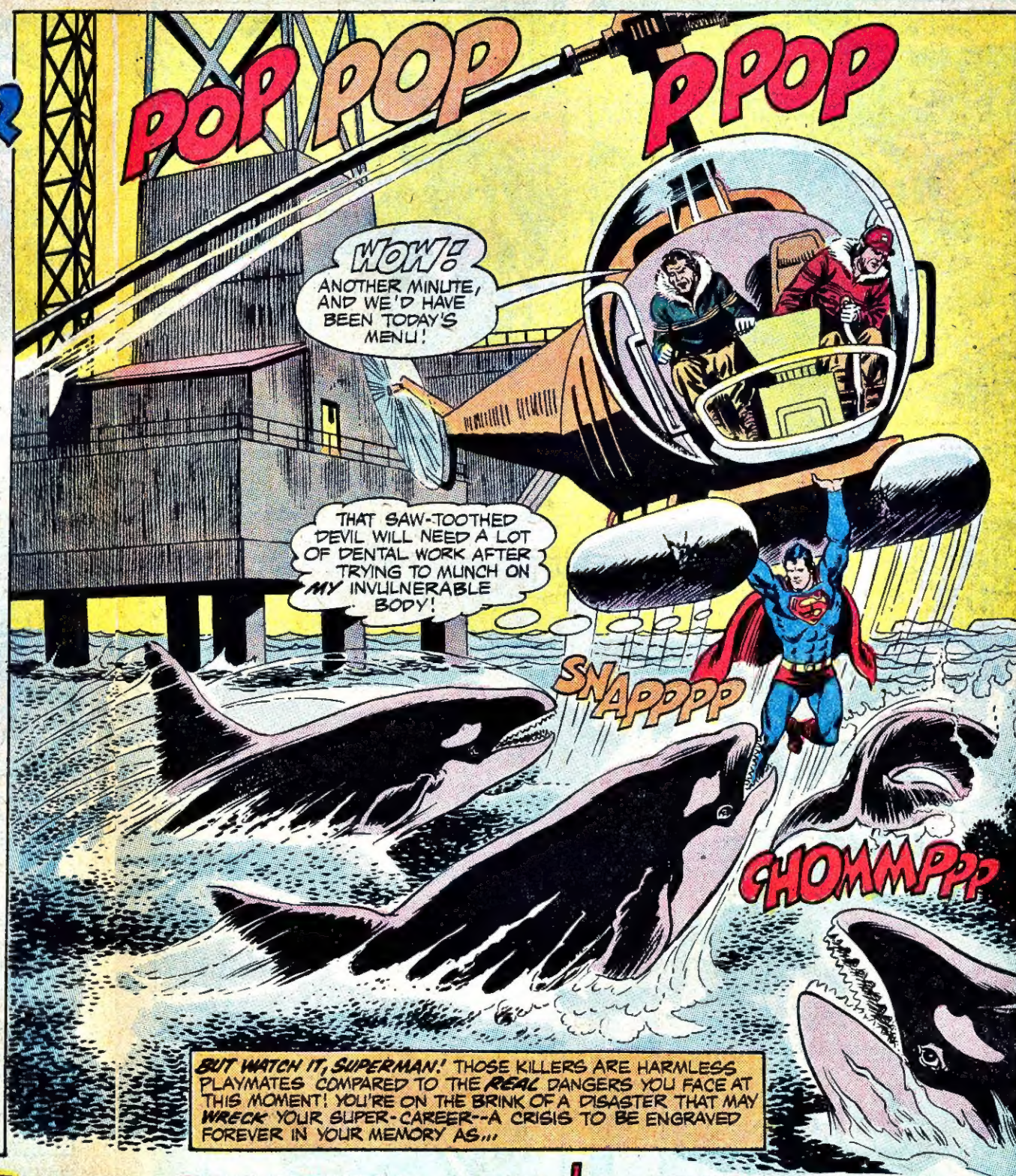


SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS

ART: CLURT SWAN and MURPHY ANDERSON - STORY: LEO DORFMAN



THE DAY THEY SOLD



BUT WATCH IT, SUPERMAN! THOSE KILLERS ARE HARMLESS PLAYMATES COMPARED TO THE REAL DANGERS YOU FACE AT THIS MOMENT! YOU'RE ON THE BRINK OF A DISASTER THAT MAY WRECK YOUR SUPER-CAREER--A CRISIS TO BE ENGRAVED FOREVER IN YOUR MEMORY AS...

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SHORTLY, ABOARD
THE DRILL RIG...

THANKS, *SUPERMAN!*
MY COPTER RAN OUT OF
GAS! I'M *T.J. PEARSON*,
PRESIDENT OF *TRI-
CONTINENTAL FUEL!*
MY MEN ARE EXPLORING
THIS AREA FOR OIL.

IN THE *ARCTIC?*
BUT MOST OIL
FIELDS ARE
MUCH FURTHER
SOUTH!

GET WITH IT, *SUPERMAN!*
MODERN INDUSTRY IS
BURNING UP OUR
PETROLEUM RESERVES!
WE HAVE TO SEARCH
THE FAR CORNERS OF
THE EARTH FOR NEW
OIL FIELDS... COME
INSIDE AND I'LL
SHOW YOU!

MY GEOLOGISTS BELIEVE A HUGE OIL POOL LIES
BENEATH THE SUBMERGED CONTINENTAL SHELF, SO
I'VE LEASED 500 SQUARE MILES OF THIS ARCTIC
COASTLINE FROM THE GOVERNMENT... WITH
EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO DRILL FOR OIL!

OH, NO!

RIGHT NOW, MY MEN
ARE SCOURING THIS
AREA, SEARCHING
FOR THE RICHES THAT
LIE BENEATH THE ICE!
AS SOON AS THEY
RE-FUEL MY COPTER,
I'M GOING TO CHECK
ON MY PROSPECTING
TEAMS!

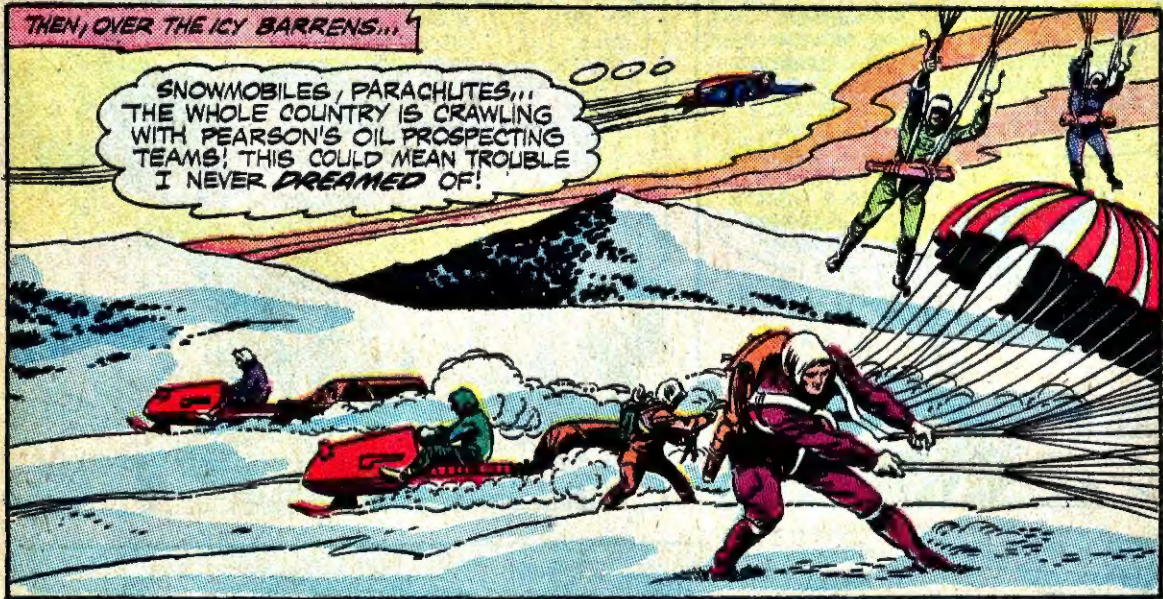
AND I'D
BETTER DO
SOME CHECKING,
TOO!

HOLD ON, *SUPERMAN!*
I'LL GIVE YOU A GUIDED
TOUR OF THE TERRITORY
I CONTROL!

THANKS, BUT
SOME OTHER
TIME, *PEARSON!*
I JUST
REMEMBERED
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
I MUST DO!

THEN, OVER THE ICY BARRENS...

SNOWMOBILES, PARACHUTES...
THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS CRAWLING
WITH PEARSON'S OIL PROSPECTING
TEAMS! THIS COULD MEAN TROUBLE
I NEVER DREAMED OF!



AS SUPERMAN CIRCLES HOMEWARD...

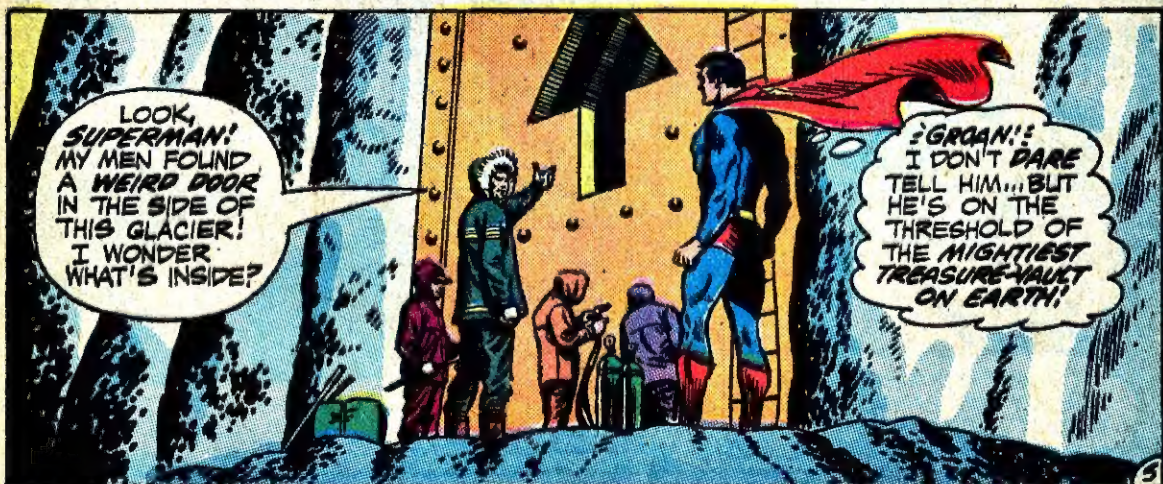
JUST WHAT I WAS AFRAID
OF! AN AIRCRAFT... FLYING
IN THE DIRECTION THAT
FAKE MARKER IS
POINTING TO!



MY FORTRESS!
PEARSON AND
HIS MEN HAVE
FOUND MY
FORTRESS!



LOOK,
SUPERMAN!
MY MEN FOUND
A WEIRD DOOR
IN THE SIDE OF
THIS GLACIER!
I WONDER
WHAT'S INSIDE?



GROAN!
I DON'T DARE
TELL HIM... BUT
HE'S ON THE
THRESHOLD OF
THE MIGHTIEST
TREASURE VAULT
ON EARTH!



MR. PEARSON...
ER... THAT
MYSTERIOUS
VAULT MAY BE
**PRIVATE
PROPERTY!**

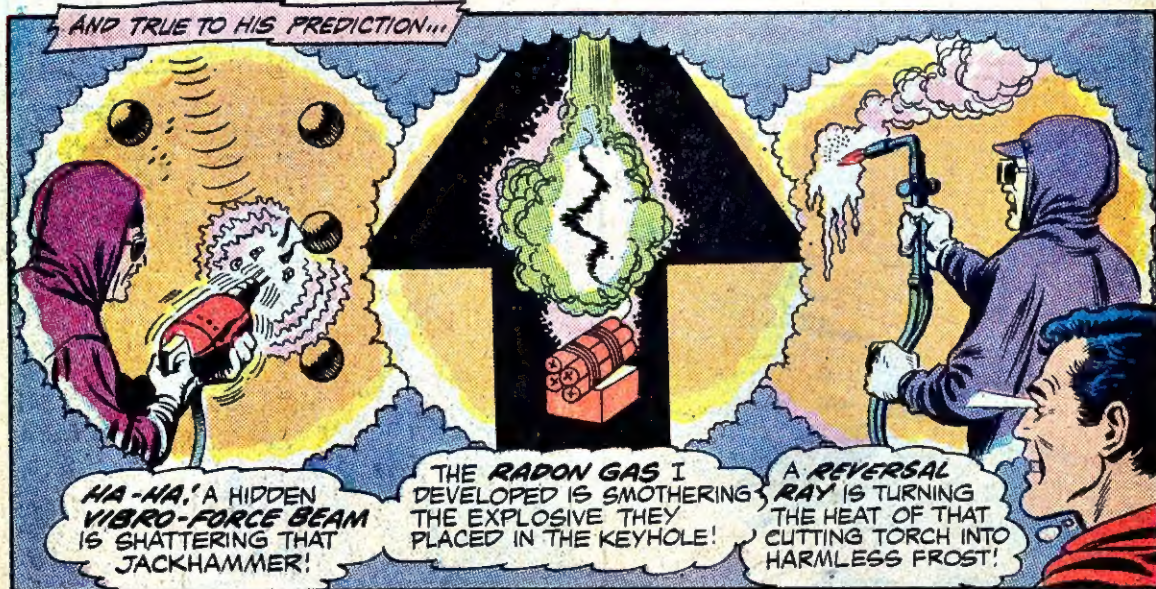
NONSENSE! THIS
WAS GOVERNMENT
LAND... **PUBLIC
DOMAIN!** AND, BY
THE SPECIAL
TERMS OF MY
LEASE, I CONTROL
EVERYTHING ON IT...
INCLUDING WHAT-
EVER'S **BEHIND
THAT DOOR!**



MY MEN
WILL
CRACK
THAT
DOOR
LIKE AN
EGG-
SHELL!

NOTHING TO WORRY
ABOUT! WITH THE
SECURITY DEVICES
I BUILT INTO IT, AND
THE MATERIAL I
USED, NO MORTAL
POWER CAN BREAK
IN! I'LL WATCH
FROM A DISTANCE
WITH MY **TELESCOPIC-
VISION!**

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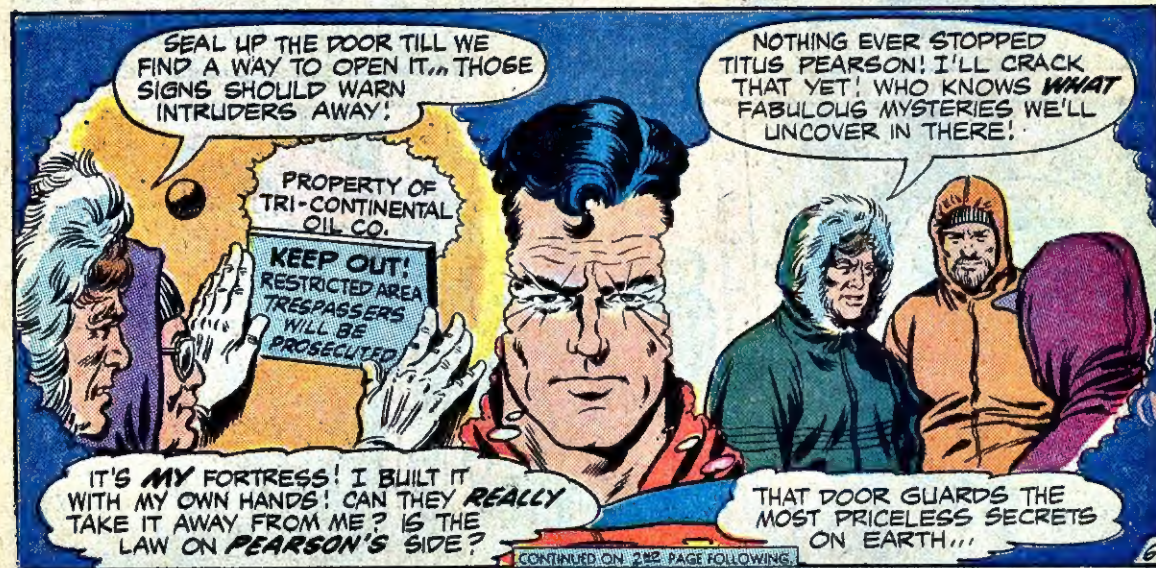


AND TRUE TO HIS PREDICTION...

HA-HA! A HIDDEN
VIBRO-FORCE BEAM
IS SHATTERING THAT
JACKHAMMER!

THE **RADON GAS** I
DEVELOPED IS SMOTHERING
THE EXPLOSIVE THEY
PLACED IN THE KEYHOLE!

A **REVERSAL**
RAY IS TURNING
THE HEAT OF THAT
CUTTING TORCH INTO
HARMLESS FROST!



SEAL UP THE DOOR TILL WE
FIND A WAY TO OPEN IT... THOSE
SIGNS SHOULD WARN
INTRUDERS AWAY!

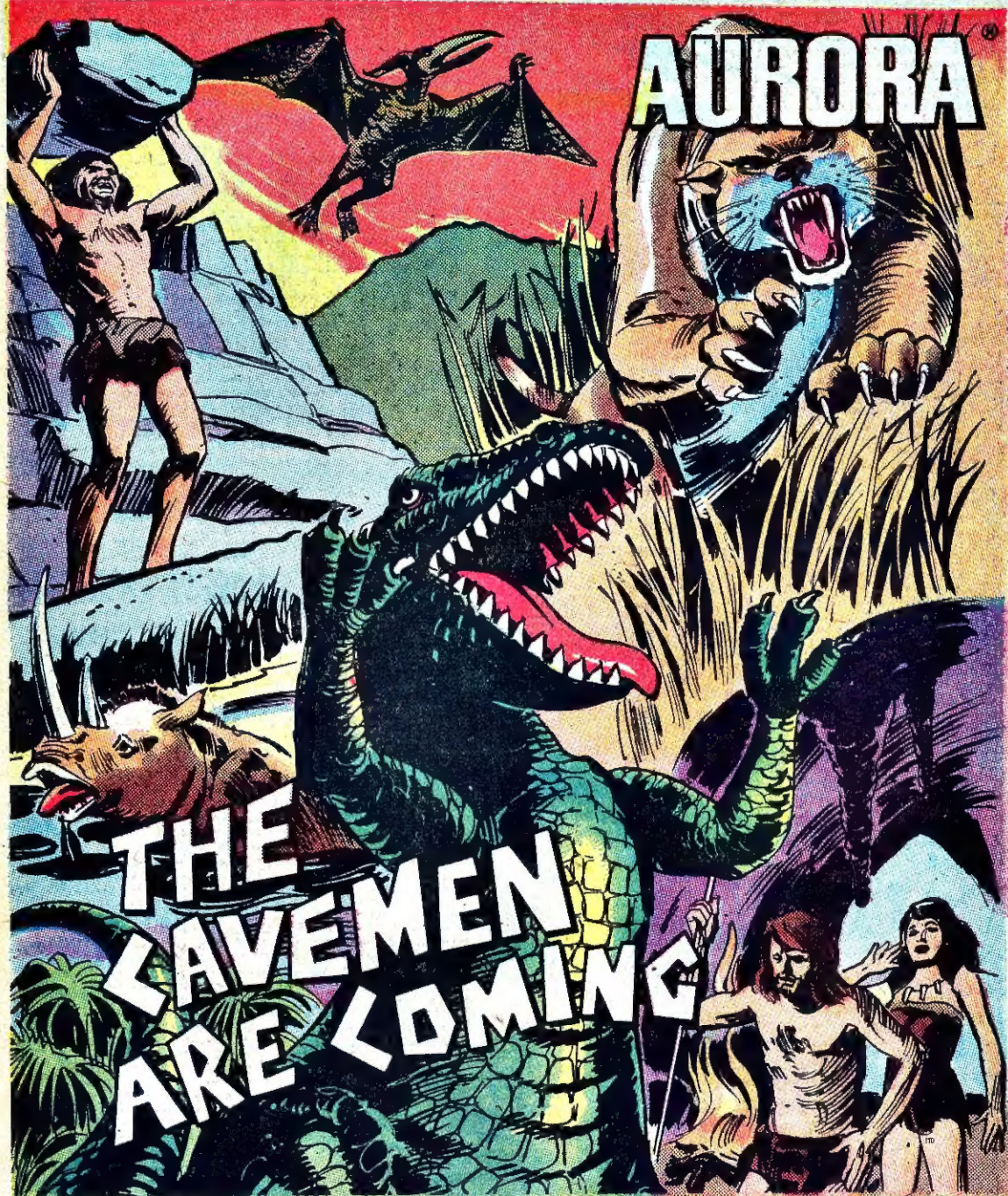
PROPERTY OF
TRI-CONTINENTAL
OIL CO.
KEEP OUT!
RESTRICTED AREA
TRESPASSERS
WILL BE
PROSECUTED

NOTHING EVER STOPPED
TITUS PEARSON! I'LL CRACK
THAT YET! WHO KNOWS **WHAT**
FABULOUS MYSTERIES WE'LL
UNCOVER IN THERE!

IT'S **MY** FORTRESS! I BUILT IT
WITH MY OWN HANDS! CAN THEY **REALLY**
TAKE IT AWAY FROM ME? IS THE
LAW ON **PEARSON'S** SIDE?

THAT DOOR GUARDS THE
MOST PRICELESS SECRETS
ON EARTH...

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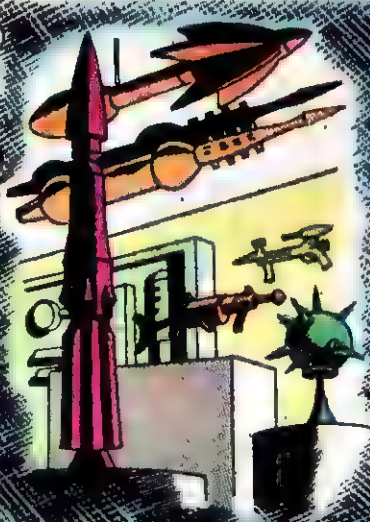
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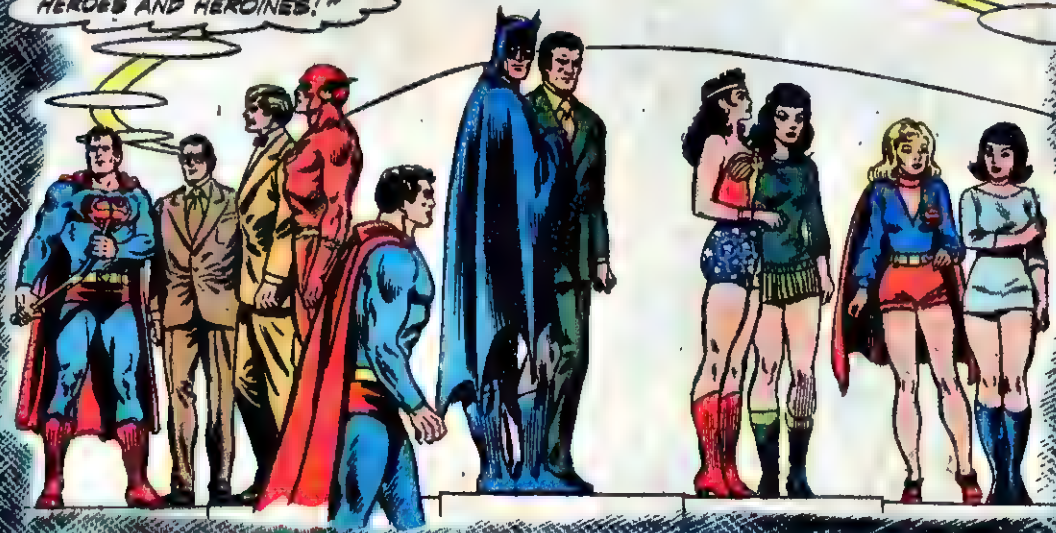
"MY ARMORY CONTAINS THE MIGHTY SUPER-WEAPONS I NEED TO PROTECT EARTH FROM INVADERS!"



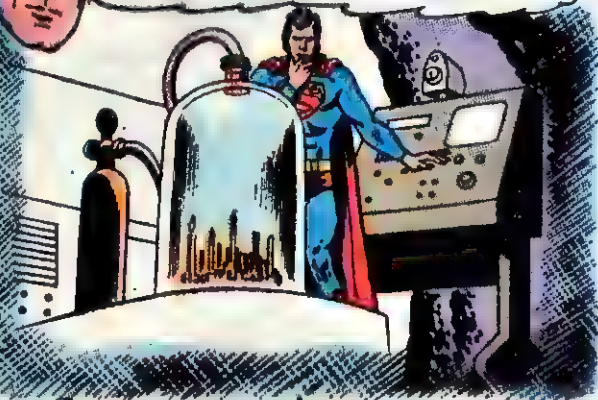
"IN MY SPACE-COMMUNICATIONS ROOM, I KEEP CONTACT WITH OTHER SUPER-BEINGS THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE!"



"AND THEN THERE IS THE VAULT WHICH HOLDS THE SECRET IDENTITIES OF EARTH'S GREAT HEROES AND HEROINES!"

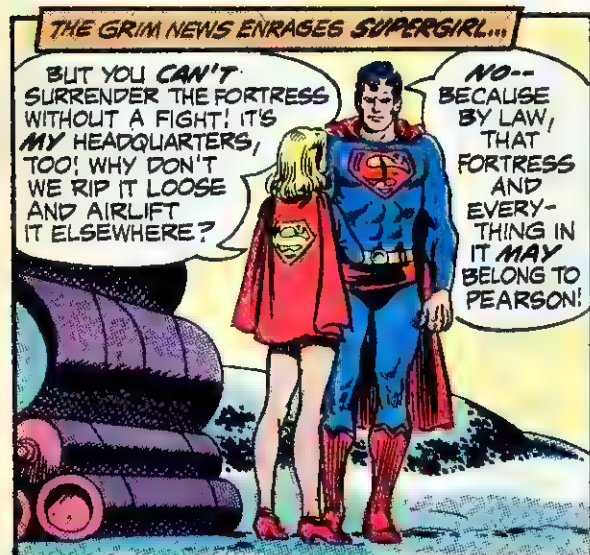
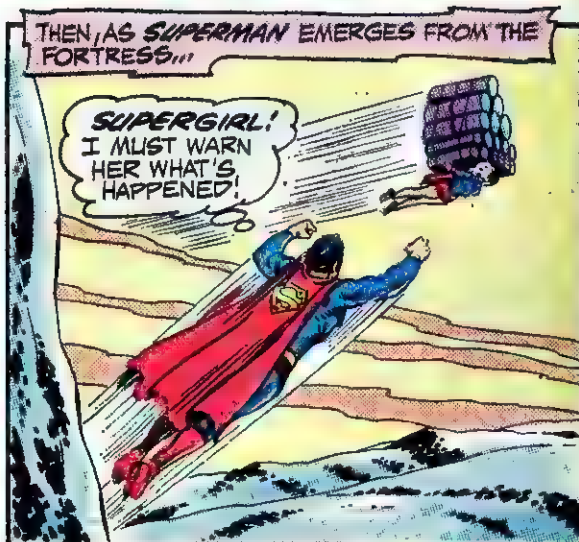
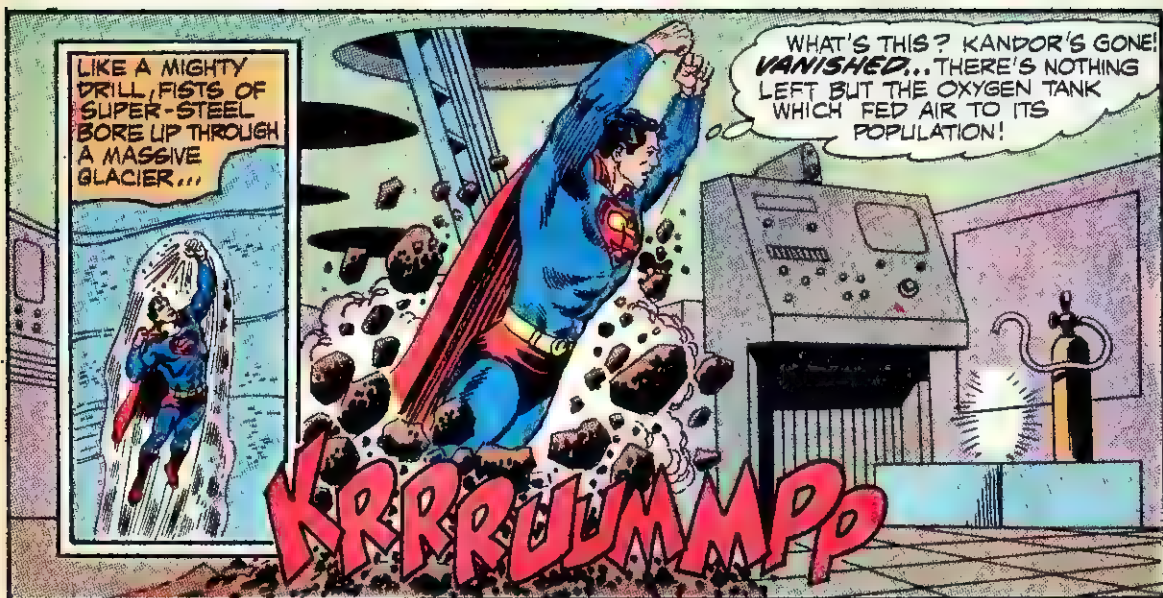


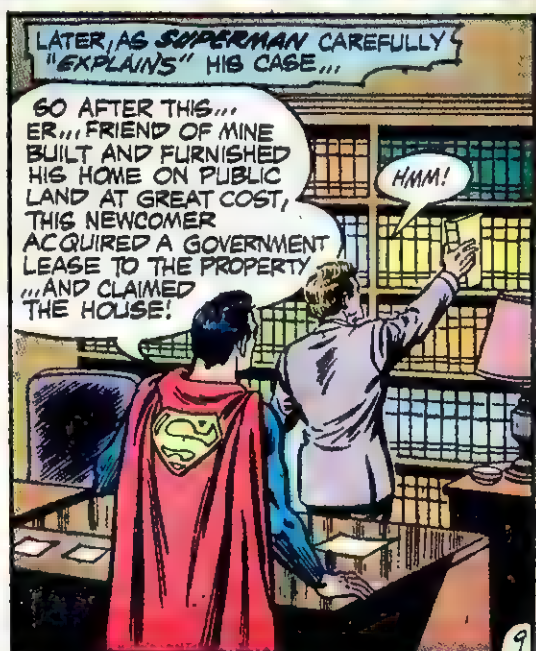
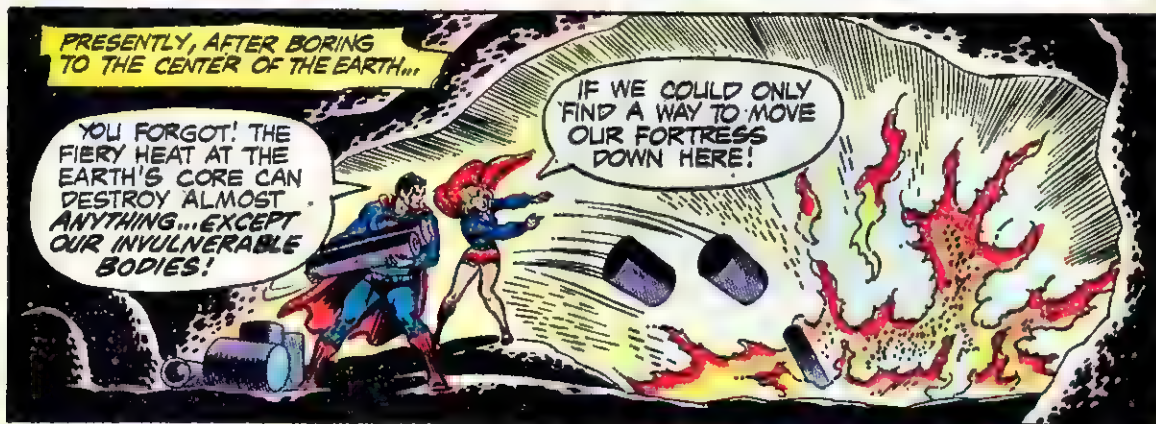
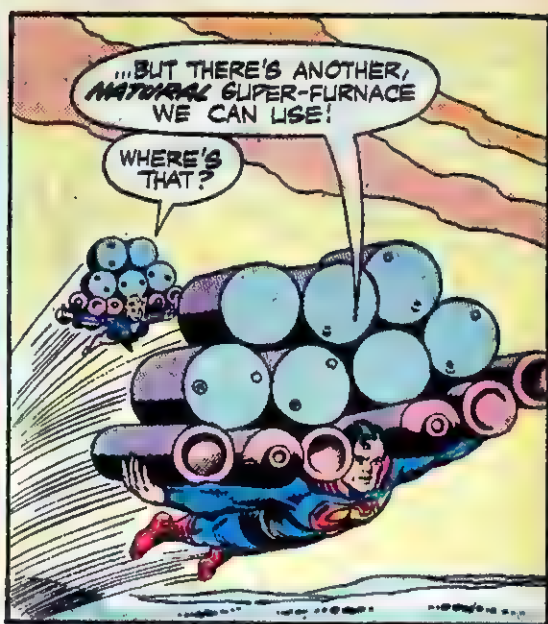
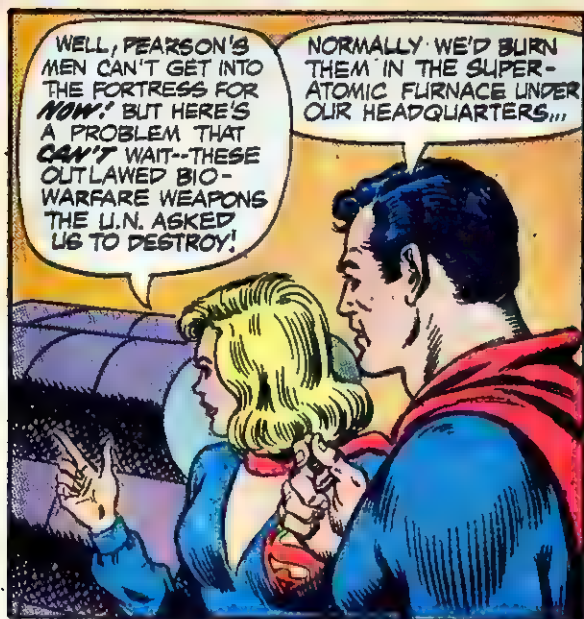
"BUT MY MOST PRECIOUS SECRET OF ALL IS ~~ADAM~~—THE ONCE-MIGHTY CITY OF MY HOME PLANET KRYPTON, WHICH WAS SHRUNKEN AND PLACED IN A BOTTLE BY THE EVIL COMPUTER BRAINIAC!"

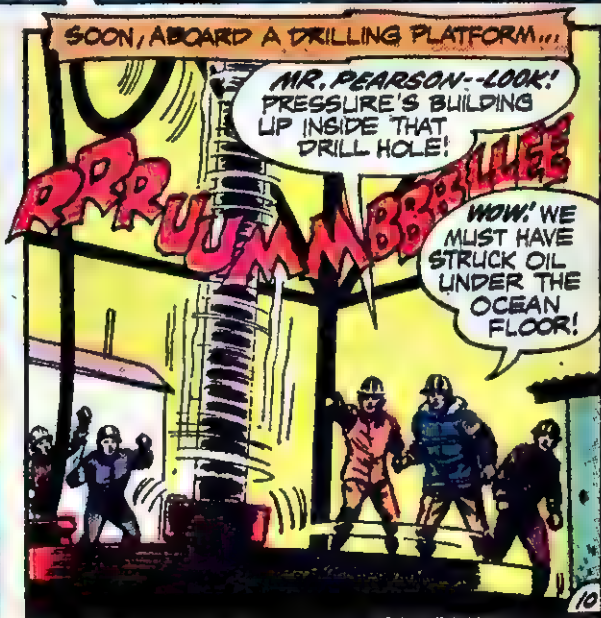
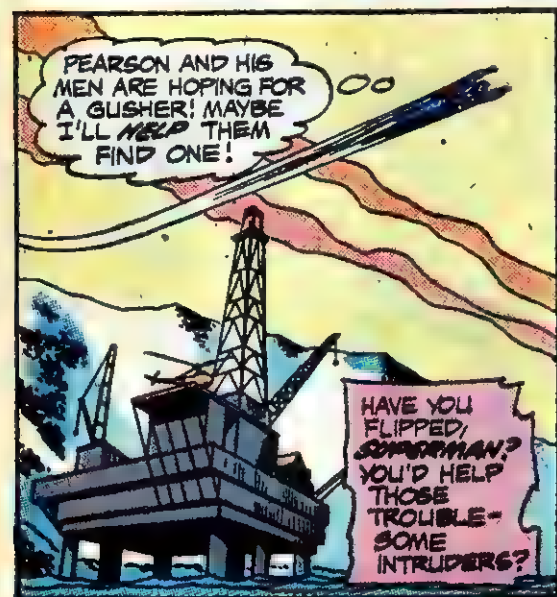
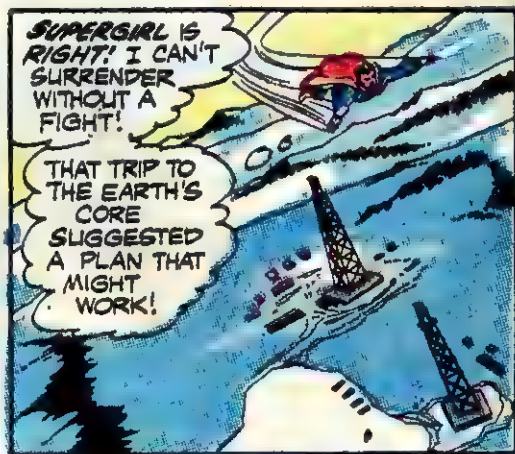
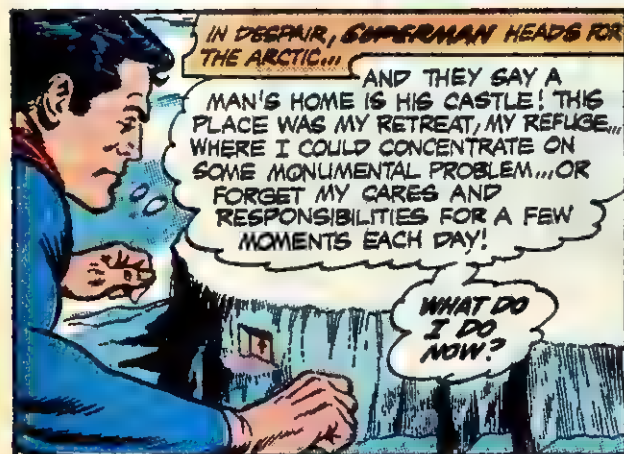


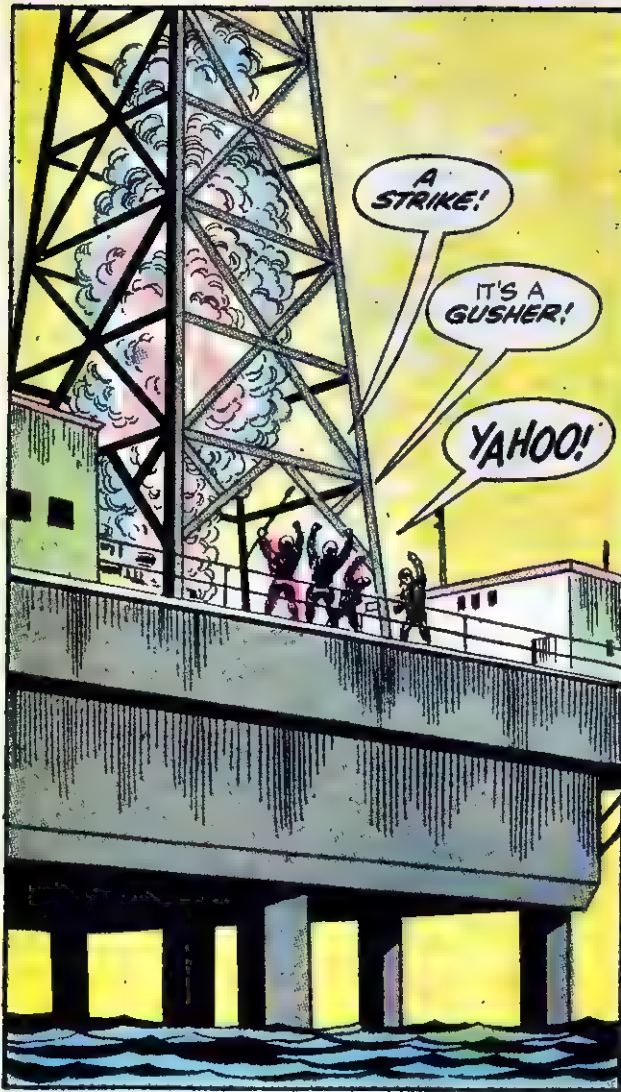
"I JUST REMEMBERED—THERE ARE MILLIONS LIVING IN THAT BOTTLE... I'M THEIR GUARDIAN... THEIR LIVES DEPEND ON ME! I MUST TELL THEM WHAT'S HAPPENING!"







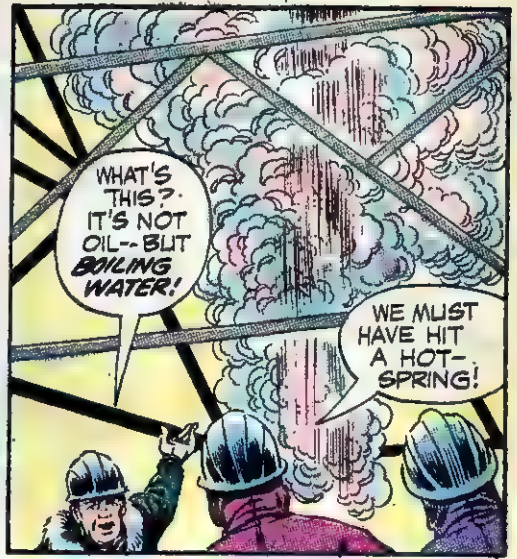




A STRIKE!

IT'S A GUSHER!

YAHOO!



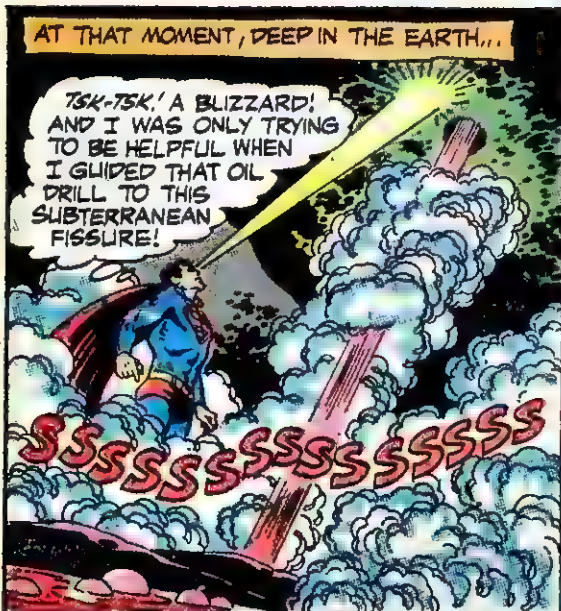
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S NOT OIL-- BUT
BOILING WATER!

WE MUST
HAVE HIT
A HOT-
SPRING!



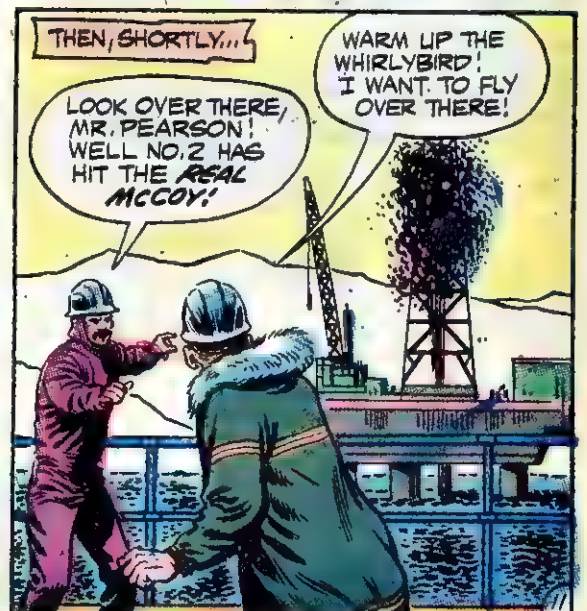
AND WITHIN SECONDS...

THE ARCTIC
FROST IS
FREEZING THAT
WATER INTO
SNOW! SEAL
THAT WELL BEFORE
WE START A
BLIZZARD!



AT THAT MOMENT, DEEP IN THE EARTH...

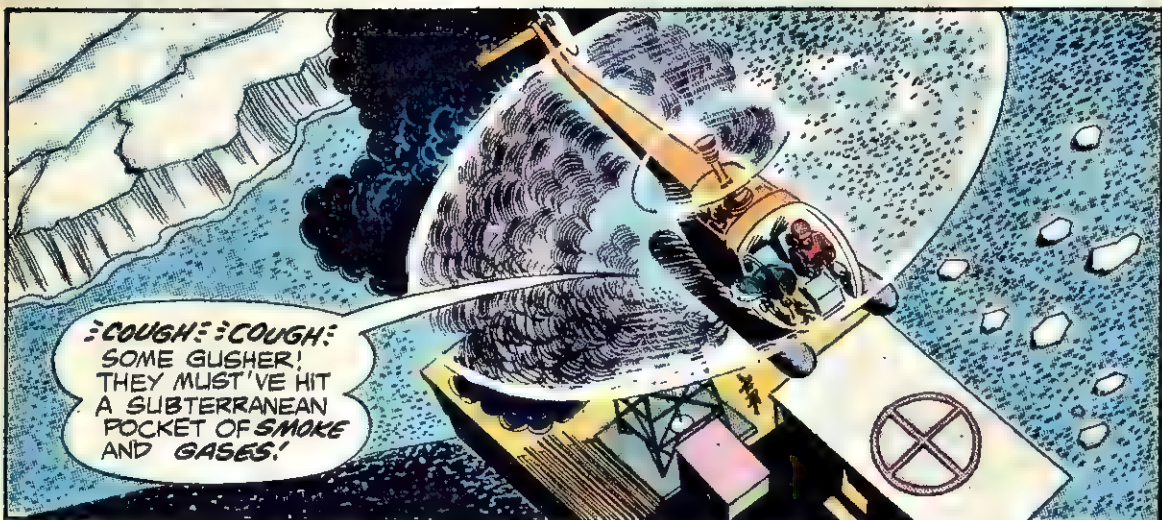
TSK-TSK! A BLIZZARD!
AND I WAS ONLY TRYING
TO BE HELPFUL WHEN
I GUIDED THAT OIL
DRILL TO THIS
SUBTERRANEAN
FISSURE!



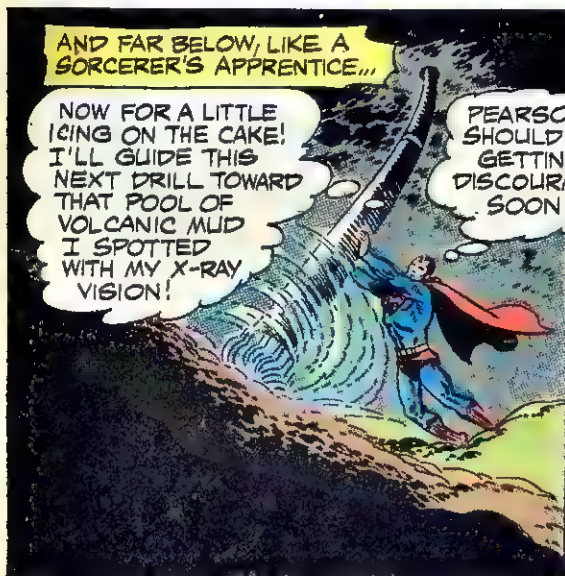
THEN, SHORTLY...

LOOK OVER THERE,
MR. PEARSON!
WELL NO. 2 HAS
HIT THE REAL
MCCOY!

WARM UP THE
WHIRLYBIRD!
I WANT TO FLY
OVER THERE!



COUGH COUGH
SOME GUSHER!
THEY MUST'VE HIT
A SUBTERRANEAN
POCKET OF SMOKE
AND GASES!



AND FAR BELOW, LIKE A
SORCERER'S APPRENTICE...

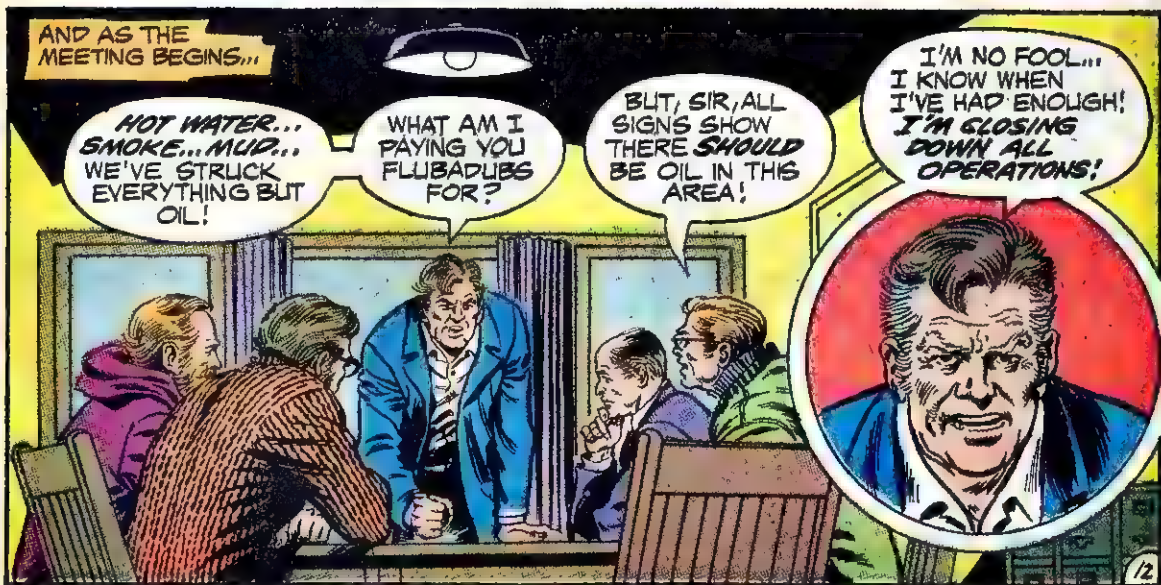
NOW FOR A LITTLE
ICING ON THE CAKE!
I'LL GUIDE THIS
NEXT DRILL TOWARD
THAT POOL OF
VOLCANIC MUD
I SPOTTED
WITH MY X-RAY
VISION!

PEARSON
SHOULD BE
GETTING
DISCOURAGED
SOON!



PRESENTLY...

ALL GEOLOGISTS
AND ENGINEERS!
THIS IS TITUS
PEARSON! REPORT
TO ME AT ONCE
FOR AN EMERGENCY
CONFERENCE!



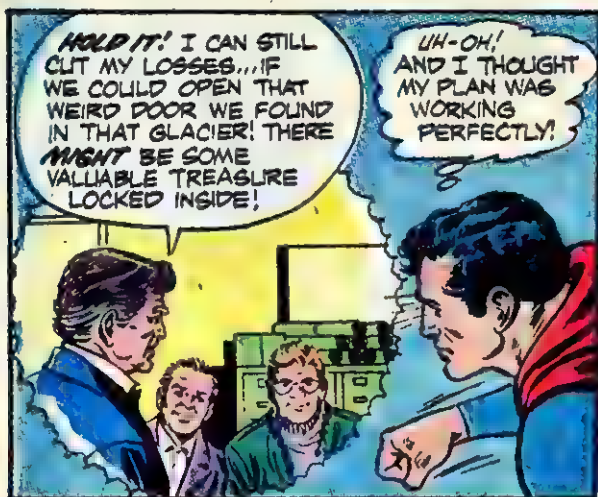
AND AS THE
MEETING BEGINS...

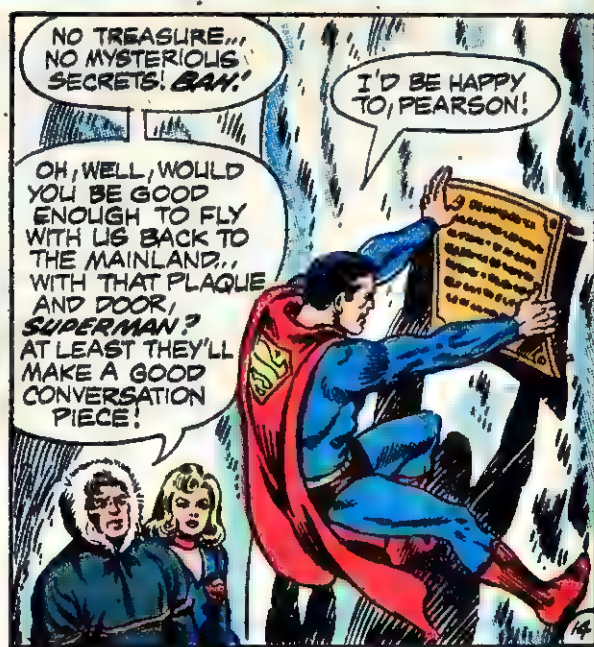
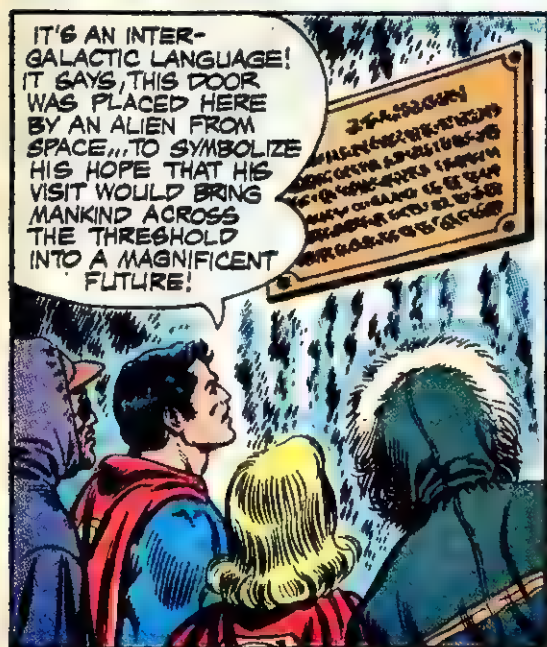
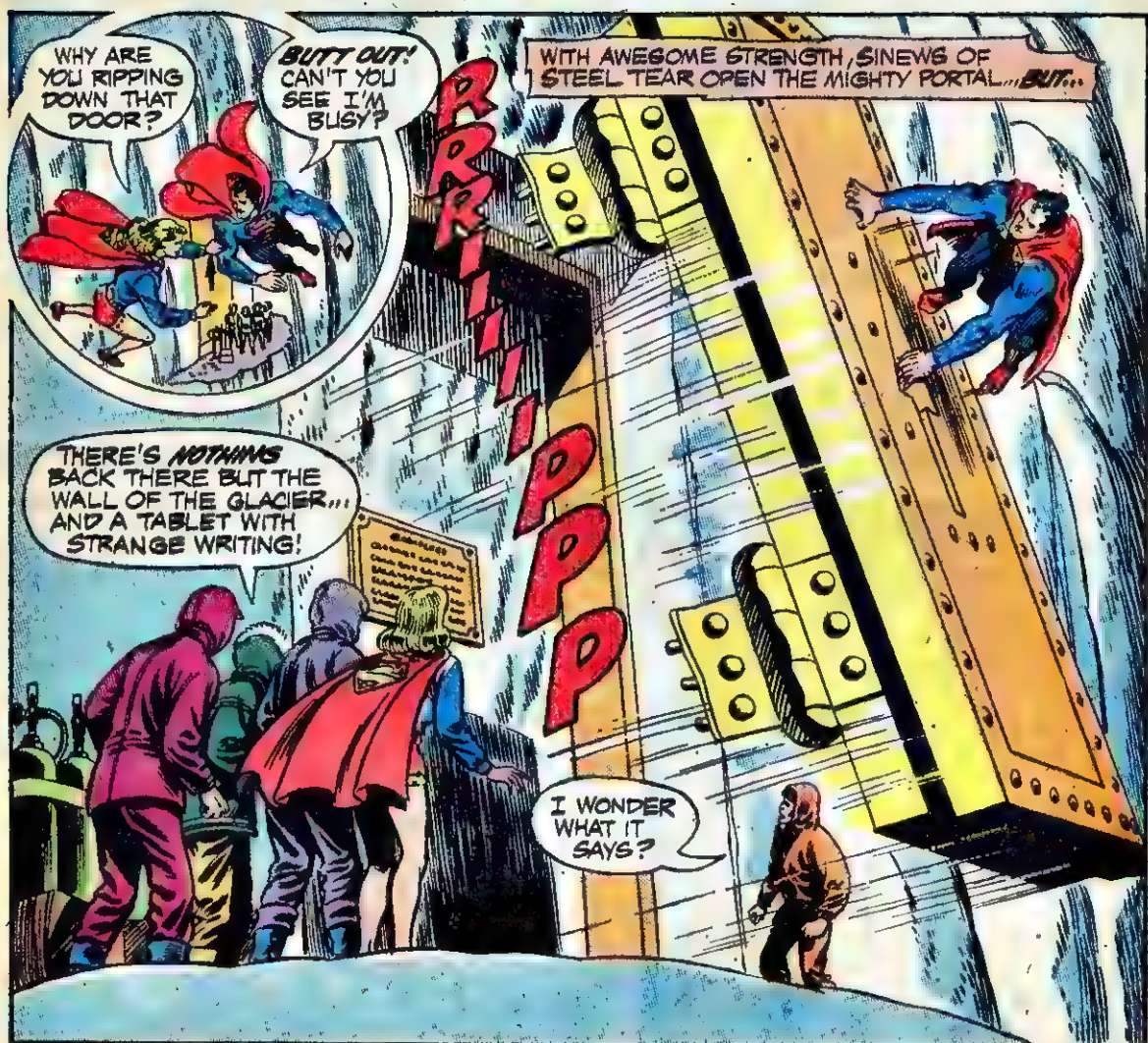
HOT WATER...
SMOKE... MUD...
WE'VE STRUCK
EVERYTHING BUT
OIL!

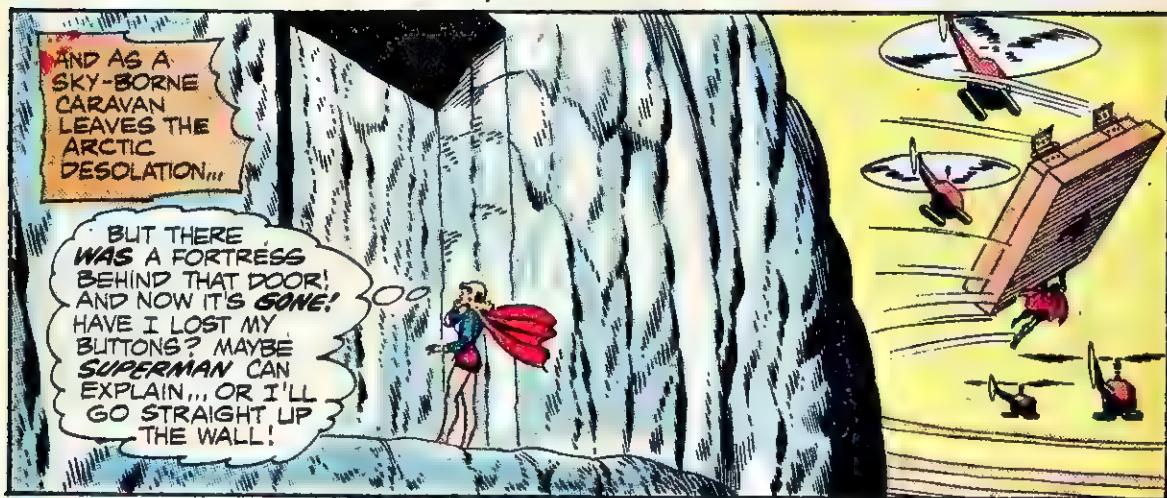
WHAT AM I
PAYING YOU
FLUBADUBS
FOR?

BUT, SIR, ALL
SIGNS SHOW
THERE SHOULD
BE OIL IN THIS
AREA!

I'M NO FOOL...
I KNOW WHEN
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
I'M CLOSING
DOWN ALL
OPERATIONS!







AND AS A
SKY-BORNE
CARAVAN
LEAVES THE
ARCTIC
DESOLATION...

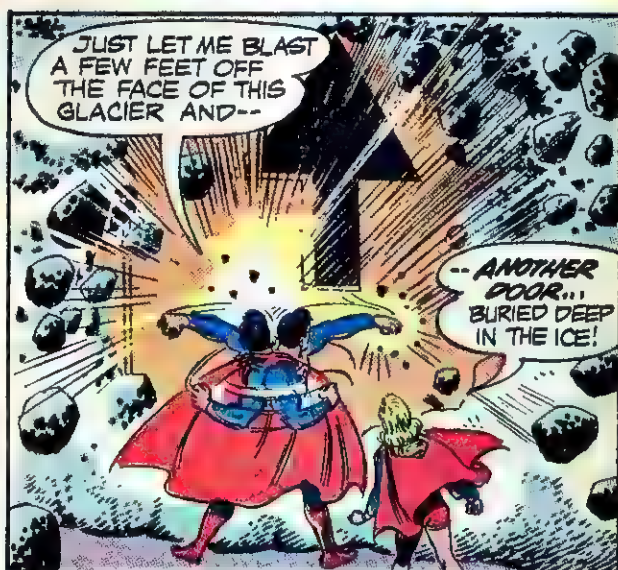
BUT THERE
WAS A FORTRESS
BEHIND THAT DOOR!
AND NOW IT'S *GONE!*
HAVE I LOST MY
BUTTONS? MAYBE
SUPERMAN CAN
EXPLAIN... OR I'LL
GO STRAIGHT UP
THE WALL!



SHORTLY...

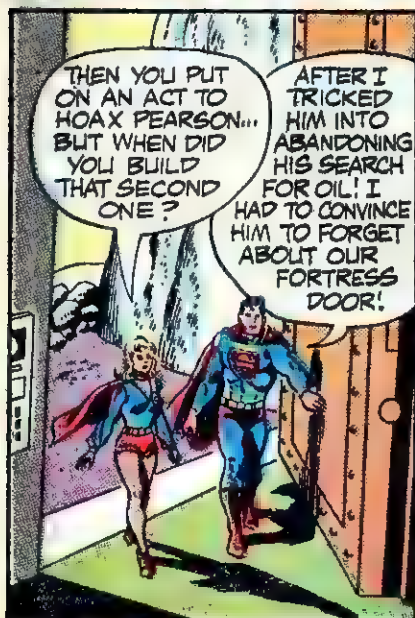
SUPERMAN!
YOU'RE NOT
ASHAMED TO
FACE ME, YOU
HEEL? DID YOU
DO ANYTHING
WITH OUR
FORTRESS?
I *KNOW* IT WAS
HERE!

IT STILL IS!



JUST LET ME BLAST
A FEW FEET OFF
THE FACE OF THIS
GLACIER AND--

-- ANOTHER
DOOR...
BURIED DEEP
IN THE ICE!



THEN YOU PUT
ON AN ACT TO
HOAX PEARSON...
BUT WHEN DID
YOU BUILD
THAT SECOND
ONE?

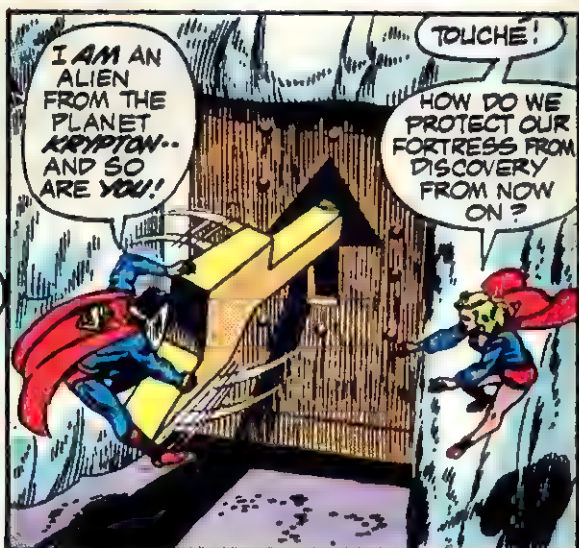
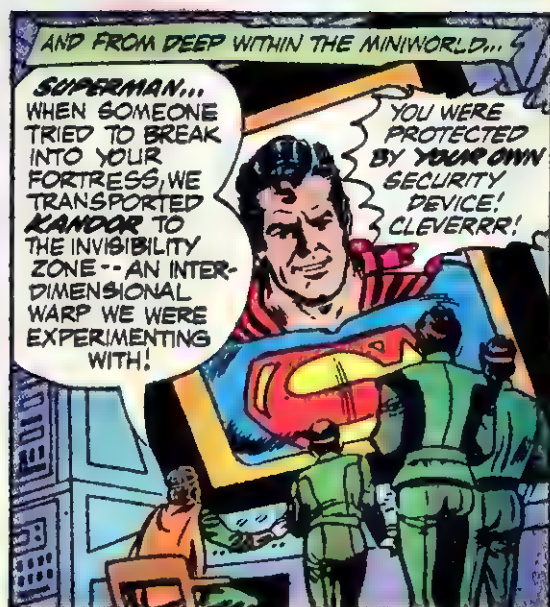
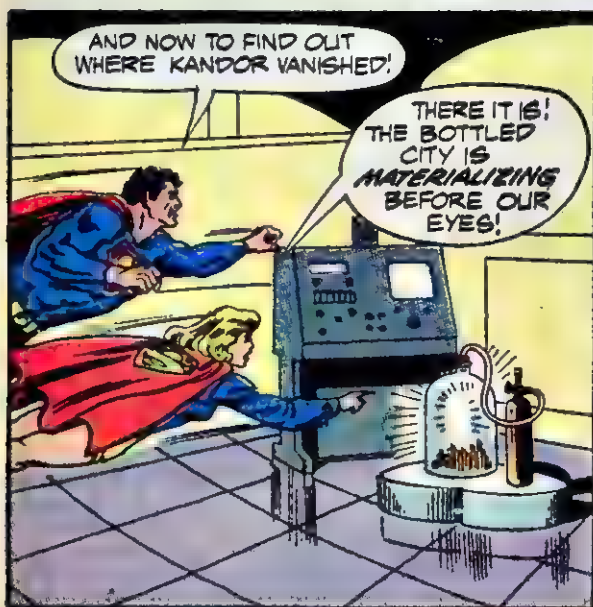
AFTER I
TRICKED
HIM INTO
ABANDONING
HIS SEARCH
FOR OIL! I
HAD TO CONVINCE
HIM TO FORGET
ABOUT OUR
FORTRESS
DOOR!



"TO GET RID OF HIM, I SLIPPED BACK HERE, BUILT A
NEW INNER DOOR AND PACKED THE SPACE BETWEEN
WITH ICE!"



WHEN THAT OUTER DOOR OPENS,
PEARSON WILL SEE ONLY THAT FAKE
HIEROGLYPHIC TABLET AND A *BLANK*
WALL OF ICE! HE'LL NEVER SPOT THE
NEW FORTRESS ENTRANCE
DEEPER IN THE GLACIER!



MAGIC WORLD OF SURPRISES & MYSTERY

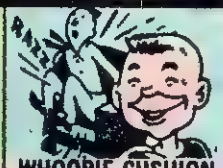
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Rush me my 7 foot tall glow in the dark

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THE VAST UNKNOWN POWERS
OF THE SUN AND MOON
COMBINED WITH A FREAKISH
FATE TO DIVIDE DR. BRUCE
GORDON, BRILLIANT YOUNG
SCIENTIST, INTO TWO BEINGS--
ONE DEDICATED TO HUMANITY--
THE OTHER TO RUTHLESS
DESTRUCTION!
INTRODUCING THE AMAZING
MAN WHO IS BOTH HERO
AND VILLAIN...

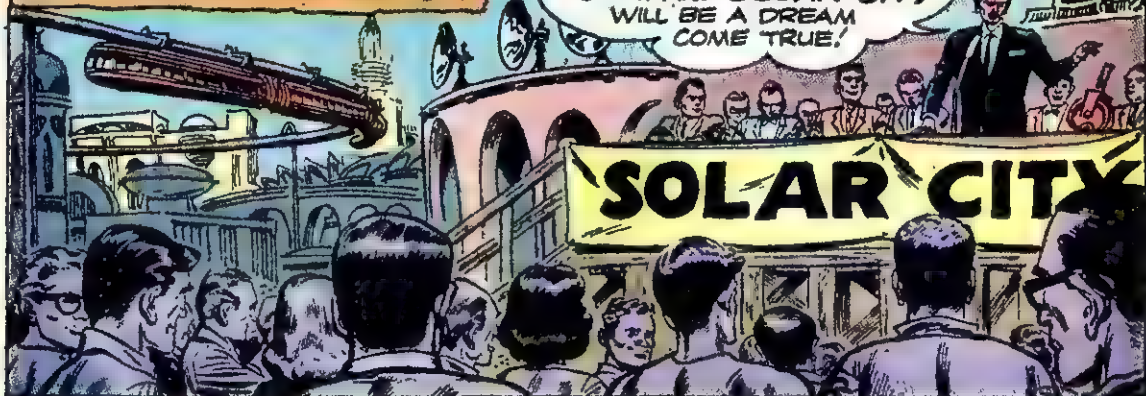
ECLIPSO,

THE GENIUS WHO FOUGHT HIMSELF



IT IS A HAPPY DAY AS OFFICIALS AND A CHEERFUL THROUNG LISTEN TO PROF. SIMON BENNETT AT THE DEDICATION OF THE WORLD'S FIRST COMMUNITY TO BE RUN ON THE SUN'S LIMITLESS ENERGY..

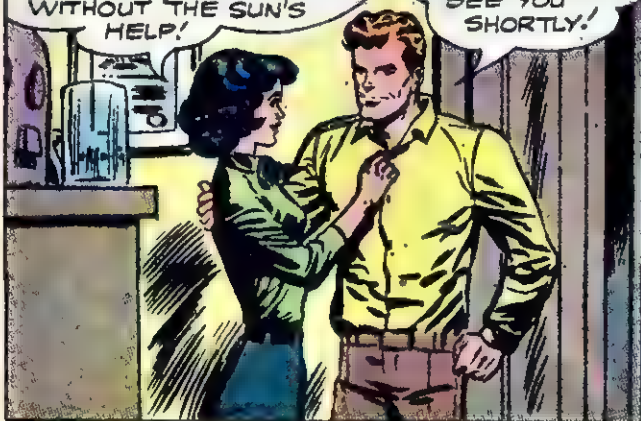
SHORTLY, DR. BRUCE GORDON, WHO HELPED TO DEVELOP THIS PROJECT, WILL JOIN ME IN PULLING THE SWITCH THAT WILL TURN THE REFLECTORS TOWARD THE SUN... AND **SOLAR CITY** WILL BE A DREAM COME TRUE!



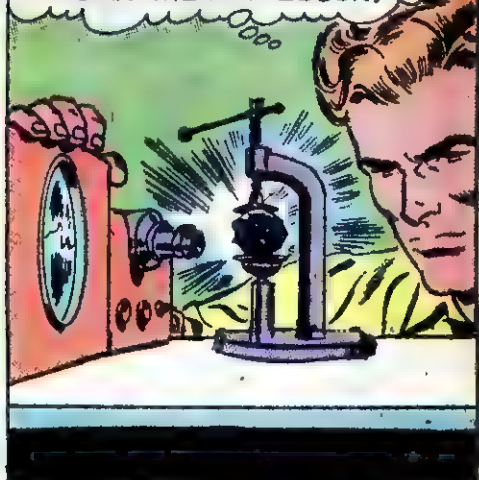
NEARBY, AT THAT MOMENT...

OH, BRUCE DARLING, WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY--THE OPENING OF SOLAR CITY AND DAD ANNOUNCING OUR ENGAGEMENT! I'M SO HAPPY, I COULD LIGHT UP THIS WHOLE TOWN WITHOUT THE SUN'S HELP!

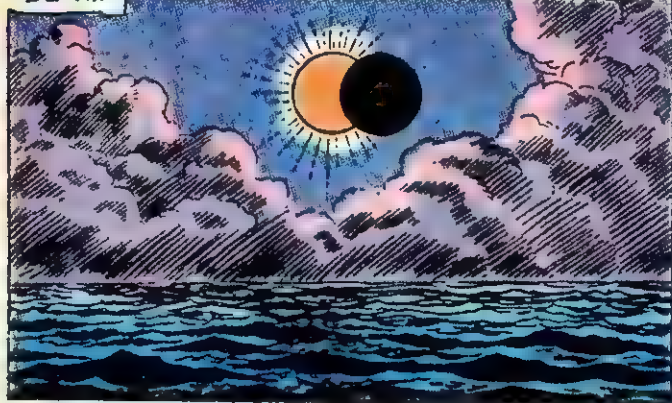
IF I DON'T FINISH THESE LAST-MINUTE ADJUSTMENTS, MONA MONEY, **SOLAR CITY** WILL NEVER GET DEDICATED! SEE YOU SHORTLY!



THIS BLACK DIAMOND HAS RESISTED ALL MY ATTEMPTS TO ANALYZE ITS PRISMATIC PROPERTIES! WELL, NO MATTER NOW--I'VE GOT TO FINISH HERE TO JOIN THE PROFESSOR!



THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, MEANWHILE, ABOVE THE TRACKLESS WASTES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, ONE OF THE UNIVERSE'S MOST MOMENTOUS EVENTS BEGINS--A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN...



AND AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE ISOLATED LABORATORY BACK IN **SOLAR CITY**...

SUDDENLY FEEL ODD... WOULDN'T IT BE IRONIC--GETTING ILL ON THE BIGGEST DAY... OF MY LIFE?



THEN, AS SHUDDERING WAVES RACK HIM, A FANTASTIC CHANGE BEGINS TO SWEEP OVER HIS FEATURES... HIS VERY BRAIN...

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?

I...I'M BEING TRANSFORMED...

...INTO SOMEONE GREATER, STRONGER... THAN THAT FOOL BRUCE GORDON!

LISTEN TO **ECLIPSO**, WORLD! I AM HERE TO DECLARE WAR ON THE FORCES OF GOOD!

WITH DEMONIAIC DIRECTNESS, THE TRANSFORMED SCIENTIST MOVES TO A LOCKER, AND...

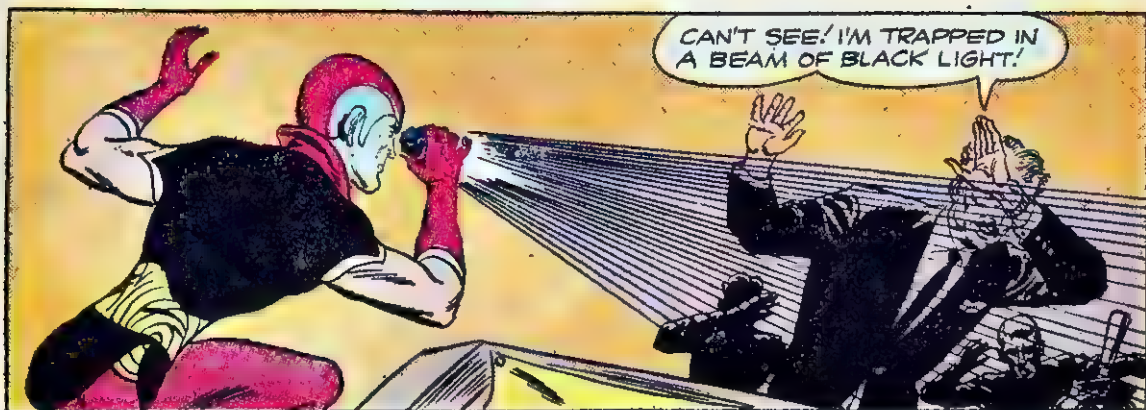
MOMENTS LATER, HAVING DONNED THE WEIRD COSTUME, THE FANTASTIC FIGURE GRASPS THE BLACK DIAMOND...

MY ENEMY, BRUCE GORDON, FAILED TO FIND THE POWER OF THIS DARK JEWEL... BUT **ECLIPSO** WON'T FAIL!

SHORTLY, AS ALL AWAIT BRUCE'S APPEARANCE...

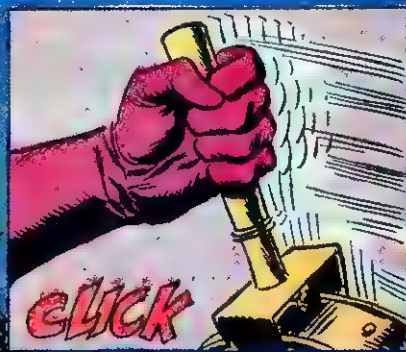
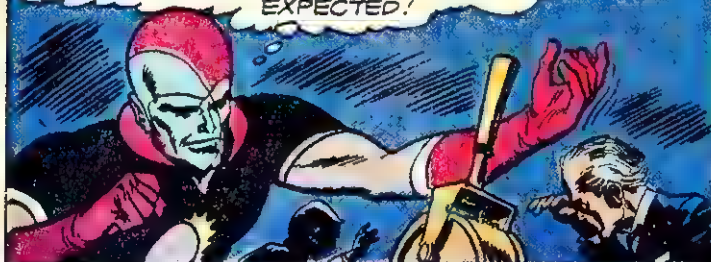
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I'LL STOP HIM, WHOEVER HE IS!



AS THE PEOPLE ON THE PLATFORM STUMBLE IN THE SUDDEN DARKNESS...

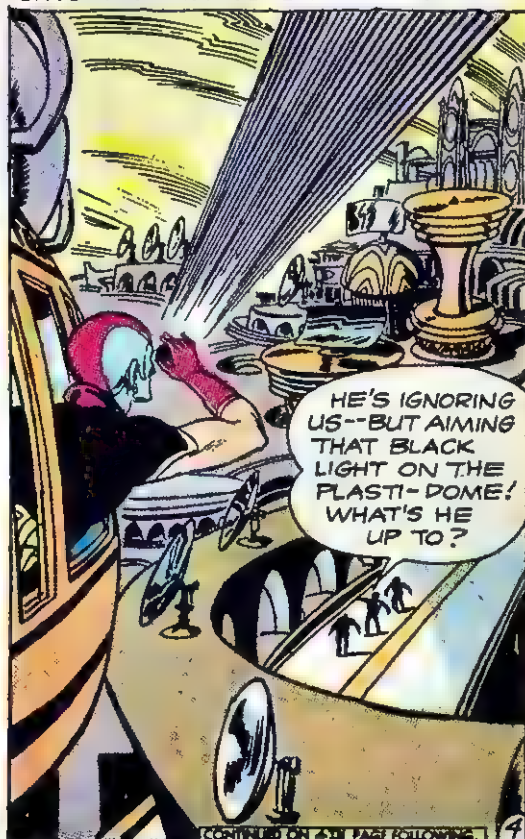
YES, IT'S TIME TO DEDICATE **SOLAR CITY**... BUT NOT THE WAY BRUCE GORDON EXPECTED!



INSTANTLY, CHEMICALLY-POLISHED REFLECTORS SWING HUNGRILY TOWARD THE SUN... ALUMINUM COLLECTORS ABSORB ITS VAST ENERGY... AND **SOLAR CITY'S** COMPLEX BEGINS TO HUM...



AS PROF. BENNETT AND POLICE LEAP ONTO THE MOVING STREETS...



EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS'

KORAK

son of
Tarzan

WRITTEN BY
LEN WEIN

PLUS

PELLUCIDAR

AND

CARSON OF VENUS

MIKE
KALITA

ALAN LEE
WEISS

FRANK
THORPE

3 GREAT FEATURES - ONE BLOCKBUSTER BOOK
on SALE MAR. 14TH!

SORRY!
...I HAVE NO
MORE DC COMICS!



HEY, TOMMY!
HOW COME
YOU NEVER
MISS YOUR
COMICS?

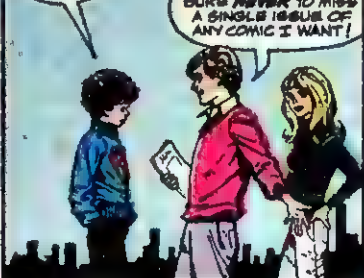


SIMPLE --

--I GET THEM
STRAIGHT
FROM D.C.!
THEY'RE MAILED
DIRECT TO ME --
PERSONALLY!
RIGHT TO MY
HOUSE!

AND
D.C.
PAYS THE
POSTAGE!

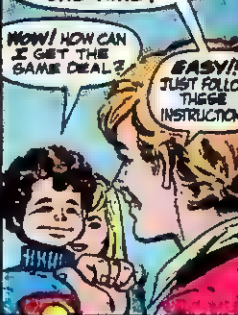
SOUNDS
GREAT -- BUT
HOW MUCH
EXTRA DOES
THAT COST
YOU?



NOTHING EXTRA!
SAME PRICE AS THE
NEWSSTAND --

AND THIS WAY I'M
SURE NEVER TO MISS
A SINGLE ISSUE OF
ANY COMIC I WANT!

JUST THINK -- I CAN ORDER
ALL I WANT OF MY
FAVORITE COMICS AT
ONE TIME!



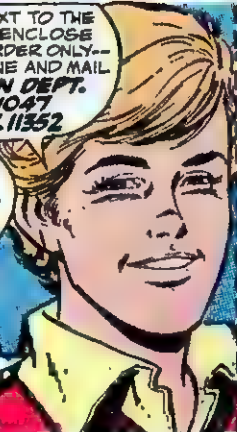
NOW! HOW CAN
I GET THE
SAME DEAL?

EASY!!
JUST FOLLOW
THESE
INSTRUCTIONS.

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Any 14 of these

If you join now and agree to buy ten more records (at regular Club prices)



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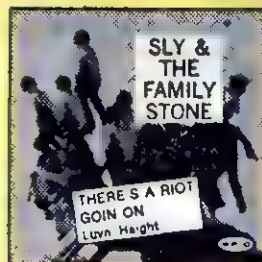
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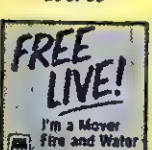
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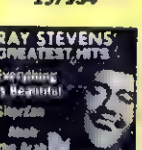
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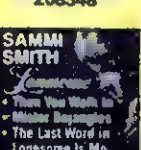
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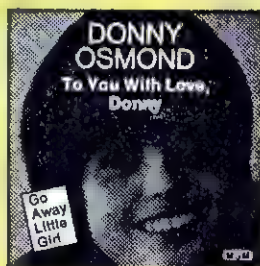
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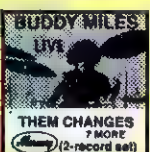
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Yes, it's true! — If you join now, you may have ANY 14 of these records for only \$2.86. Just mail the application at the right, together with your check or money order for \$2.86. In exchange...

You agree to buy just ten records (at regular Club prices) in the coming two years — and you may cancel membership at any time after doing so.

Your own charge account will be opened upon enrollment... and the records you order as a member will be mailed and billed at the regular Club price of \$4.98 or \$5.98 each, plus processing and postage. (Multi-record sets are somewhat higher.)

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... **If you do not want any record**... just return the selection card provided by the date specified

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... **If you want any of the other records offered**, just order them on the selection card and return it by the date specified

... **and from time to time** we will offer some special albums, which you may reject by returning the special dated form provided... or accept by simply doing nothing.

You'll be eligible for our bonus plan upon completing your enrollment agreement — a plan which enables you to get one record of your choice free (only 25¢ for processing and postage) for every one you buy thereafter. Act now — fill in and mail the application today!

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I am enclosing check or money order for \$2.86 as payment for the 14 records below. Please accept my membership application. I agree to purchase ten records (at regular Club prices) during the coming two years, and may cancel membership any time thereafter. If I continue, I'll be eligible for your bonus plan.

Send these 14 records — I've enclosed check or money order for \$2.86

All records will be described in advance in the Magazine, sent every four weeks. If I do not want any record, I'll return the selection card by the date specified... or use the card to order any record I want. If I want only the regular selection for my musical interest, I need do nothing — it will be sent automatically. From time to time, I'll be offered special albums which I may accept or reject by using the dated form provided.

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☐ Easy listening ☐ Young Sounds ☐ Jazz
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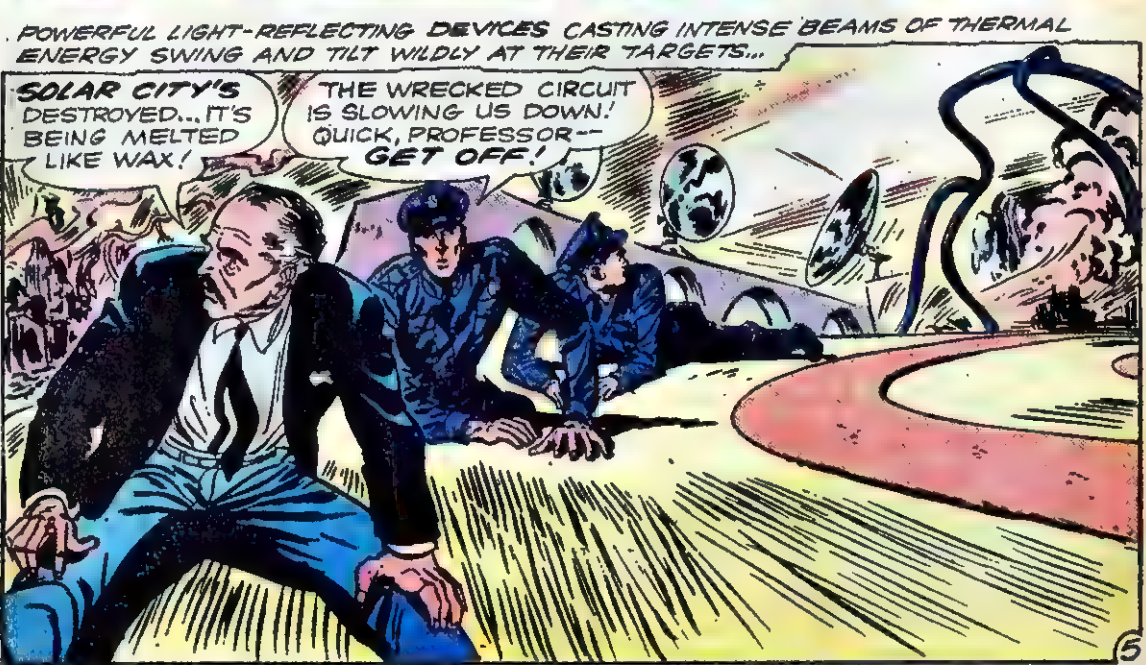
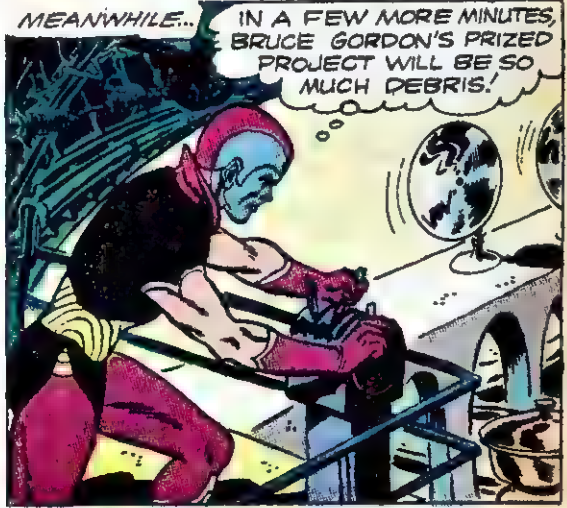
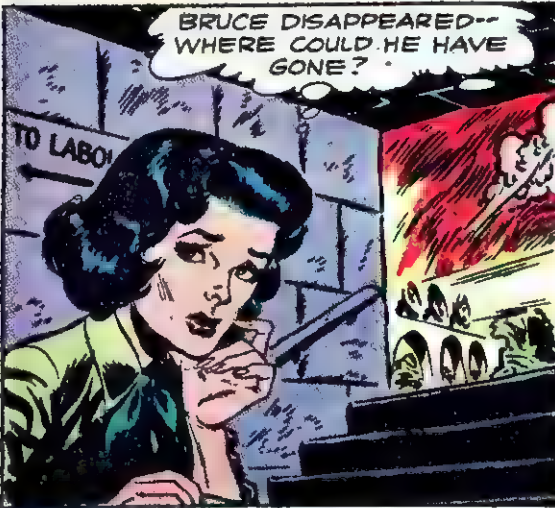
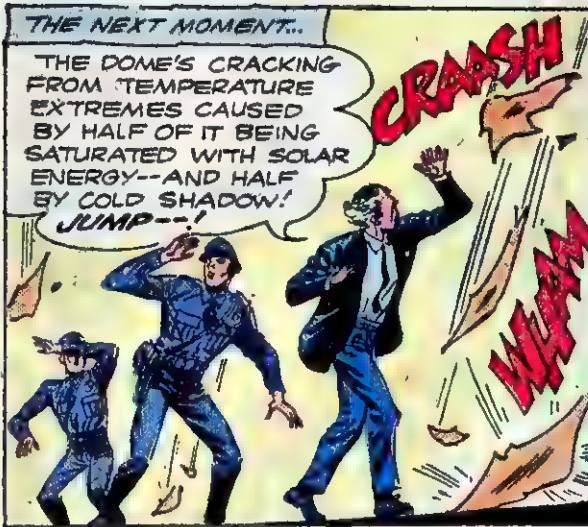
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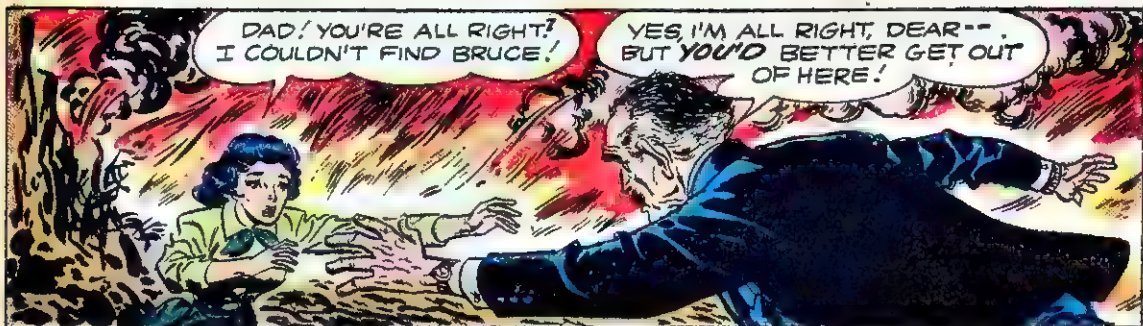
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Do you have a telephone? (check one) ☐ YES... ☐ NO

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DAD! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?
I COULDN'T FIND BRUCE!

YES, I'M ALL RIGHT, DEAR--
BUT YOU'D BETTER GET OUT
OF HERE!

AS ECLIPSO SURVEYS THE
FLEEING, PANICKY CROWDS...

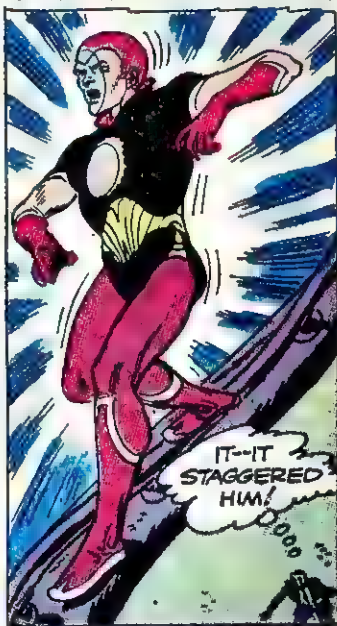
SOLAR CITY IS COMPLETELY
WRECKED! NOW TO LEAVE
A TRAP FOR DR. BRUCE
GORDON!



THERE HE
IS-- THAT
SABOTEUR!
GOT TO CATCH
HIM! MAYBE
HE'S BEHIND
BRUCE'S
DISAPPEARANCE!



SUDDENLY, A WILDLY WHIRL-
ING REFLECTOR BEAM
STABS THE SOMBRE FIGURE...



HE'S ENTERING OUR UNDERGROUND
LAB! MUST STOP HIM BEFORE HE
RUINS IT, TOO!



ELUDING HIS PURSUER, HE DOFFS HIS COSTUME...

A PERFECT HIDING PLACE!
AN ORDINARY MAN COULDN'T
STAND THIS RADIATION --
BUT IT DOESN'T AFFECT
ECLIPSO!

ATOMIC
PILE
DANGER
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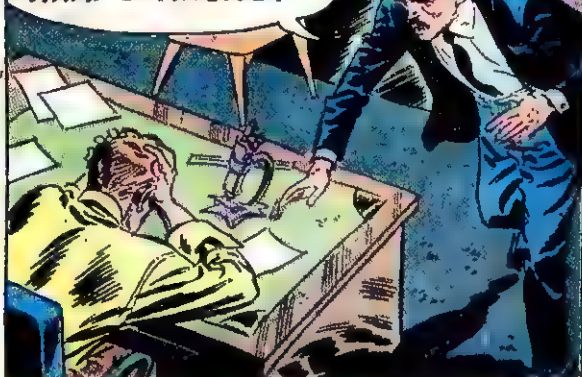
FROM THE LEAD-LINED CHAMBER, THE LONE FIGURE STAGGERS INTO ANOTHER ROOM...

NO ONE WILL FIND ME HERE...AND IN A FEW MOMENTS...ECLIPSO WILL VANISH...UNTIL IT COMES TIME FOR HIM TO REAPPEAR!



BUT AS PROF. BENNETT RACES IN...

BRUCE! I FOUND YOU AT LAST! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN? BRUCE! WHAT'S WRONG?



IN SHOCKED DISBELIEF, THE PROFESSOR WITNESSES THE FANTASTIC AND INCREDIBLE METAMORPHOSIS...

NO...I...I CAN'T...

...BELIEVE IT!

BUT-BUT THAT SABOTEUR WAS YOU, BRUCE, ALL ALONG!



PROFESSOR BENNETT! HOW DID I GET HERE...? I WAS IN THE LAB... GETTING READY FOR THE DEDICATION...

YOU MEAN... YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR TRANSFORMATION... WHAT YOU DID? YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AT ALL?



QUICKLY, IN AN AWED VOICE, HE BLURTS OUT THE EXPLANATION...

...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, BRUCE-- EVERY FANTASTIC BIT OF IT!

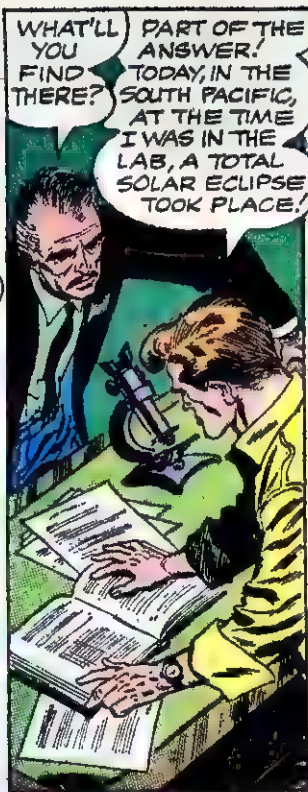
MY LAST RECOLLECTION WAS OF LOOKING AT THAT BLACK DIAMOND IN THE LAB! DIAMOND-- WHERE IS IT NOW?





THE DIAMOND--AND THAT COSTUME--YOU HAD THEM WHILE IN YOUR OTHER IDENTITY! YOU MUST'VE HIDDEN THEM BEFORE THE CHANGE TOOK PLACE AGAIN!

I BROUGHT THAT COSTUME BACK FROM DIABLO ISLAND! BUT WHAT MADE ME PUT IT ON WHEN I CHANGED?



WHAT'LL YOU FIND THERE?

PART OF THE ANSWER! TODAY, IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, AT THE TIME I WAS IN THE LAB, A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE TOOK PLACE!



"YOU RECALL, I WENT TO DIABLO ISLAND TO PHOTOGRAPH A SOLAR ECLIPSE..."

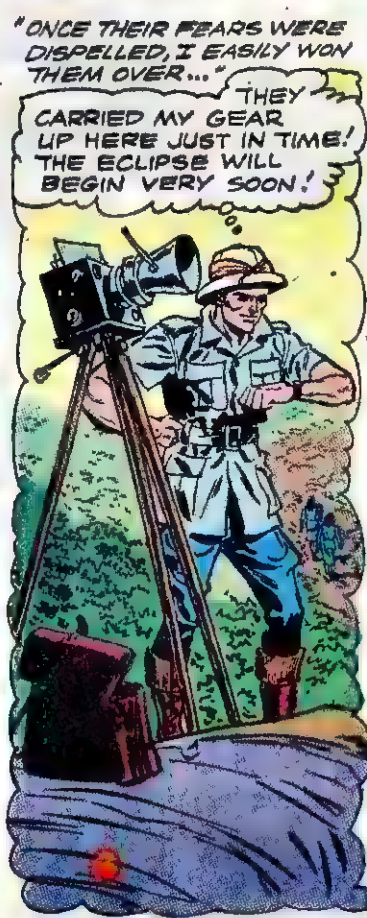
WHY WON'T YOU CARRY MY EQUIPMENT TO THE TOP OF THE PLATEAU?

MOPHIR, OUR SEER, HAS WARNED--IF YOU TRY TO CAPTURE THE SUN GOD'S IMAGE WHEN HE IS DARK, HE WILL DESTROY US IN ANGER!



HE'S LYING! ECLIPSES AREN'T DANGEROUS. HERE ARE PICTURES I MADE OF A DARK SUN! I WASN'T HARMED!

TRUE--THEY ARE ONLY PICTURES, AFTER ALL!



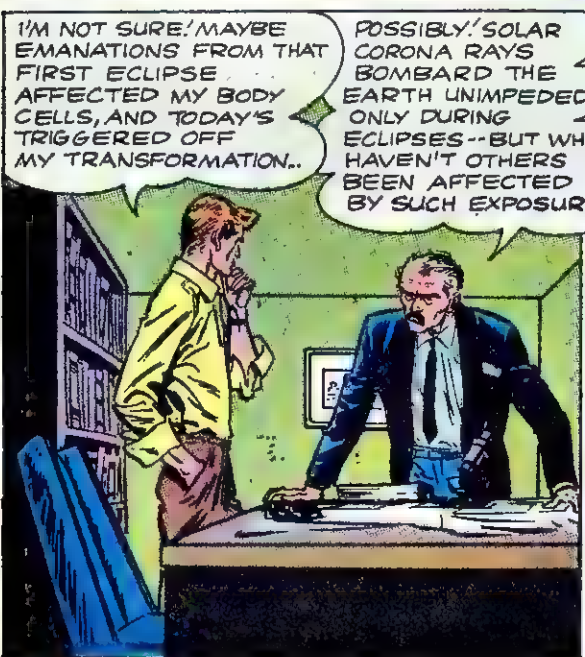
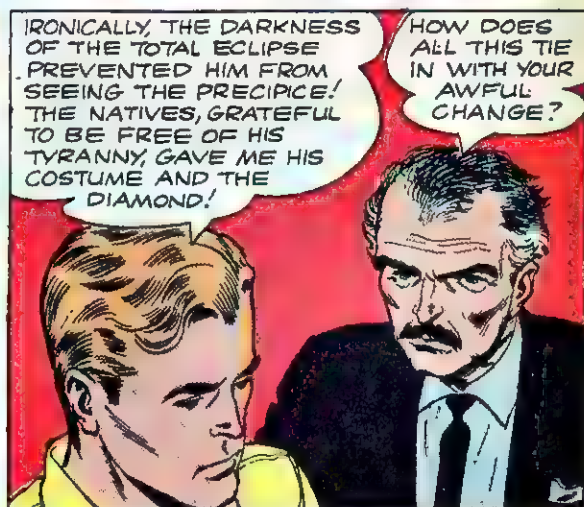
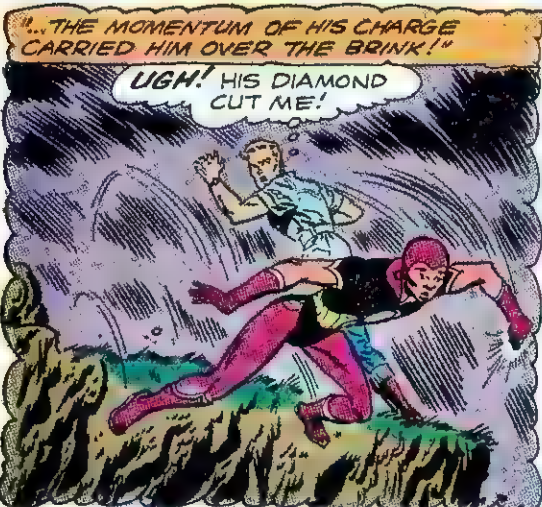
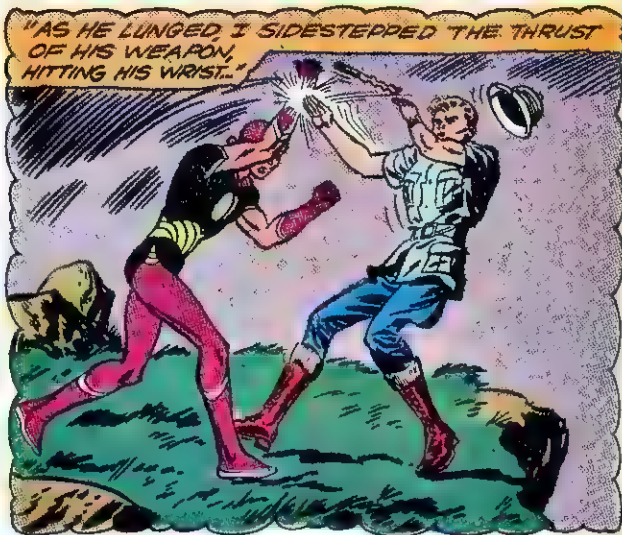
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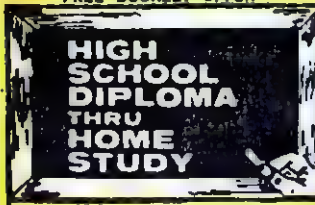
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YOU-- BUT YOUR VILLAINOUS
ALTER EGO, YOUR *OTHER*
SELF!



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LISTEN-- "DR. BRUCE GORDON! I
CHALLENGE YOU TO FIGHT ME--
LIGHT VS. DARKNESS! DO YOU
DARE TO ACCEPT? YOUR ENEMY,
ECLIPSO!"



GOOD HEAVENS,
PROFESSOR! I'M
NOT ONLY MY OWN
WORST ENEMY...
BUT MANKIND'S!

EASY, BOY! WE'RE
GOING TO *FIGHT*
THIS *ECLIPSO*--AND
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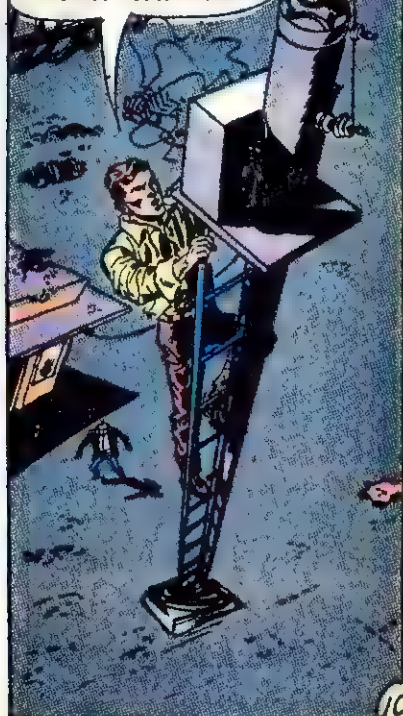
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BRUCE!

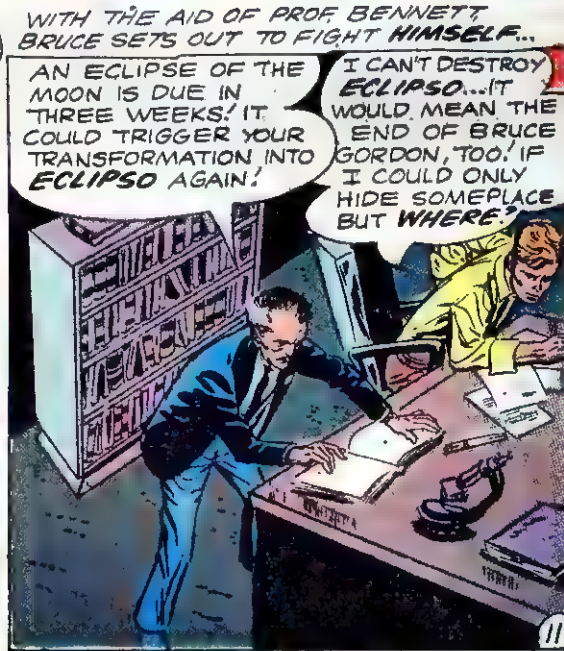
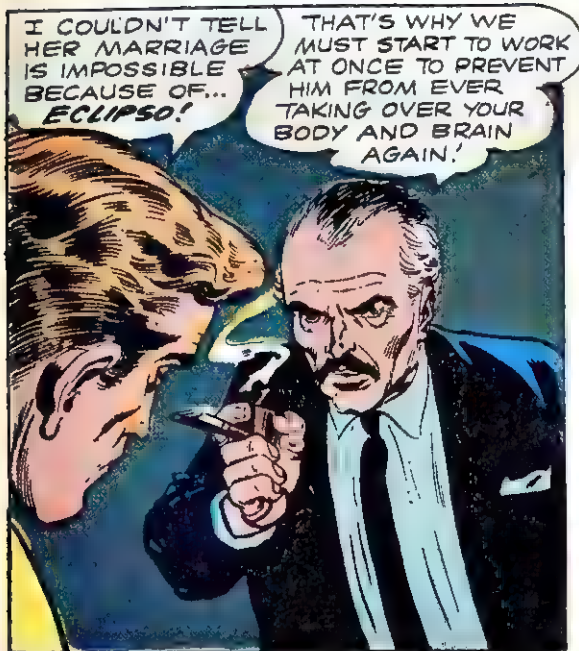
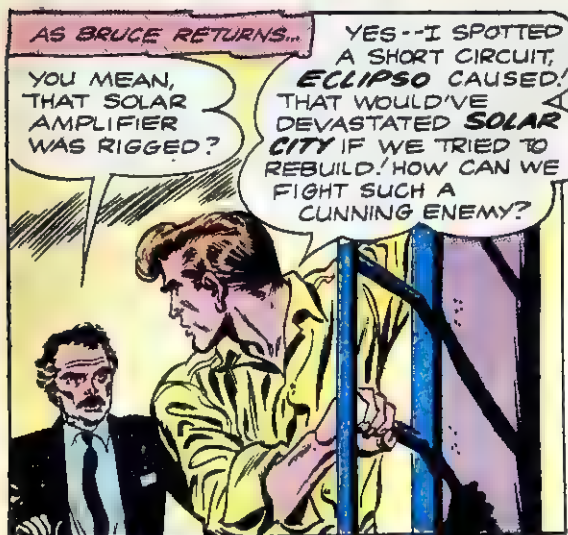


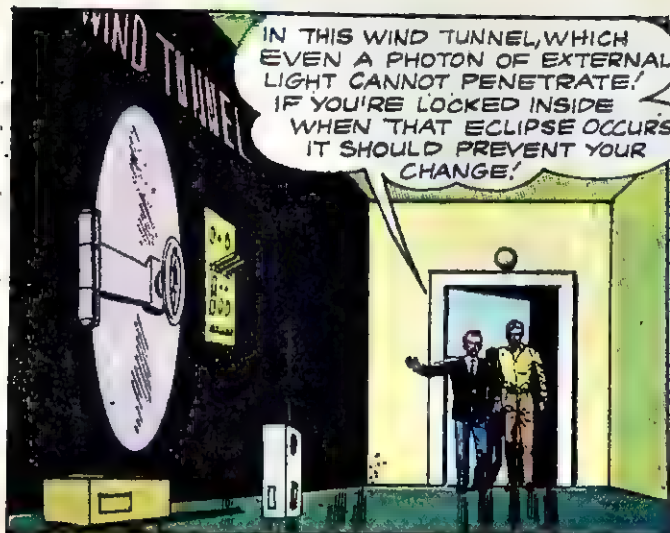
WHY ARE
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UP THERE?
IS ANYTHING
WRONG
WITH YOU?
ANSWER
ME--



DON'T WORRY, PROFESSOR.
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
HAVE TO RIP THESE OUT,
OR IN ANOTHER MINUTE,
THE WHOLE AREA WILL
BLOW SKY-HIGH!







IN THIS WIND TUNNEL, WHICH EVEN A PHOTON OF EXTERNAL LIGHT CANNOT PENETRATE! IF YOU'RE LOCKED INSIDE WHEN THAT ECLIPSE OCCURS, IT SHOULD PREVENT YOUR CHANGE!

THUS, WHEN THE FATEFUL TIME APPROACHES...

THREE MINUTES TO GO, BRUCE! I'LL BE IN CONSTANT TOUCH VIA THE WALKIE-TALKIE! GOOD LUCK, SON!

THANKS, PROFESSOR. SEE YOU SOON, I HOPE!



THE ESCAPE-PROOF HATCH CLANGS SHUT ON DR. BRUCE GORDON--AND INSIDE, ILLUMINATED ONLY BY THE DIM GLOW OF A SMALL, RED BULB...

BRUCE! THINGS STILL ALL RIGHT?

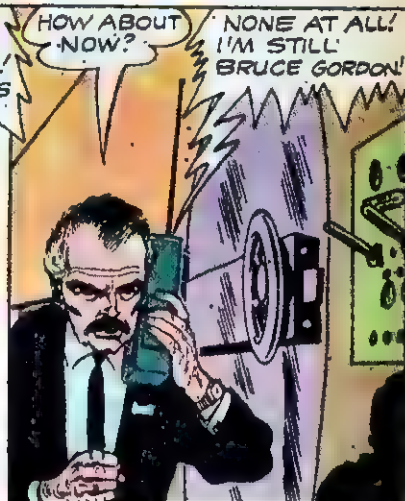
FINE AND DANDY, PROFESSOR! NO CHANGES YET!

HOW ABOUT NOW?

NONE AT ALL! I'M STILL BRUCE GORDON!

BRUCE! THE ECLIPSE HAS BEGUN! DO YOU NOTICE ANY CHANGES?

NONE WHATSOEVER, PROFESSOR!



BRUCE! THE ECLIPSE IS ENDING!

WE WON! IT WORKED! OPEN THE HATCH AND LET ME OUT!



ECLIPSO! YOU... YOU TRICKED ME!

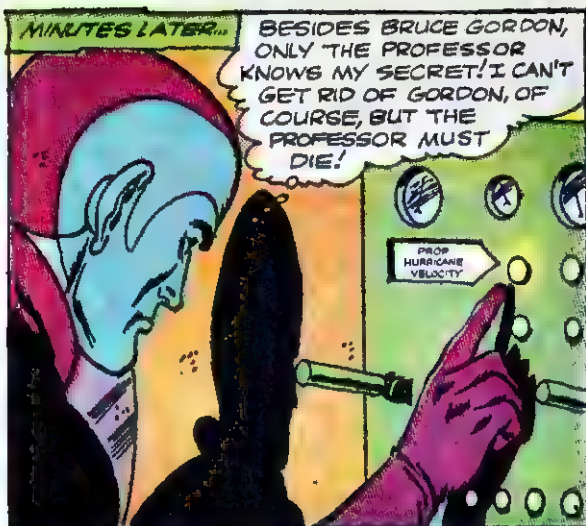


SEIZING THE PROFESSOR, HE THRUSTS HIM INTO THE TUNNEL...



THAT'LL HOLD HIM WHILE I GET MY COSTUME FROM ITS HIDING PLACE!

MINUTES LATER...



BESIDES BRUCE GORDON, ONLY THE PROFESSOR KNOWS MY SECRET! I CAN'T GET RID OF GORDON, OF COURSE, BUT THE PROFESSOR MUST DIE!



THE PROP'S BEGINNING TO SPIN! ECLIPSO SET IT IN MOTION!



I... I'M BEING SWEEPED... INTO THE PROP!

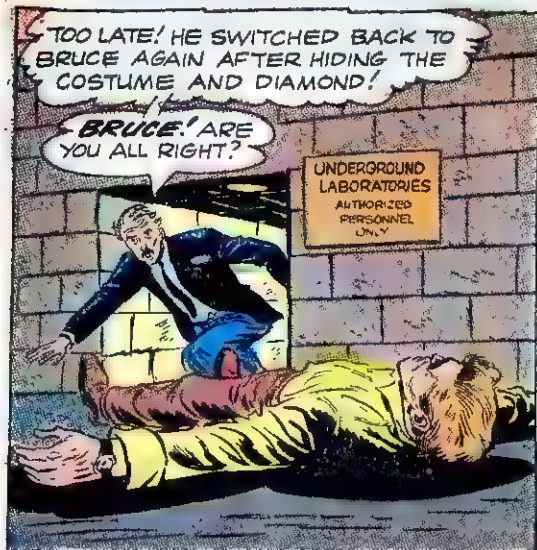


ANOTHER MOMENT, AND THE PROFESSOR WILL—
AAAAHHH!



AN EXPLOSION STOPPED THE PROP AND BLASTED THE LOCK! ECLIPSO IS GETTING AWAY! GOT TO FOLLOW HIM!

ECLIPSO ELUDES HIS PURSUER, AND WHEN THE PROFESSOR FINALLY CATCHES UP TO HIM...



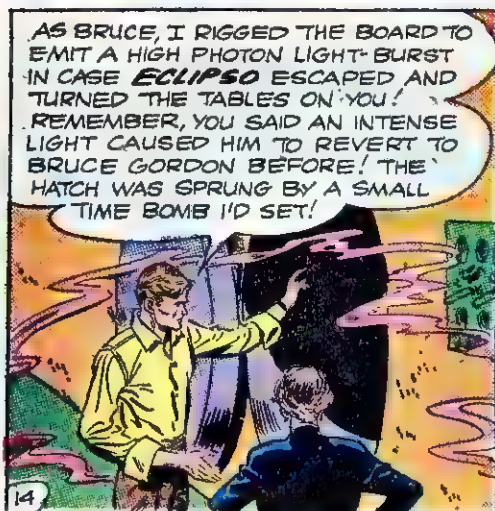
TOO LATE! HE SWITCHED BACK TO BRUCE AGAIN AFTER HIDING THE COSTUME AND DIAMOND!

BRUCE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

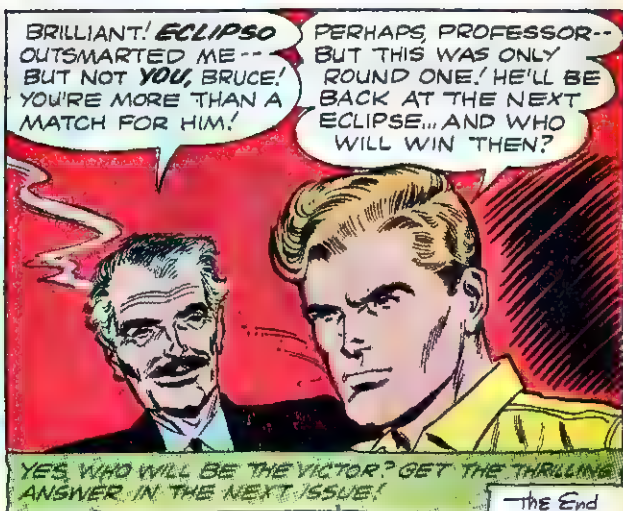


PROFESSOR! THANK HEAVEN, YOU'RE SAFE! I TURNED INTO ECLIPSO AGAIN, DIDN'T I?

YES--AND TRICKED ME INTO LETTING HIM OUT OF THE TUNNEL WHERE I'D HAVE BEEN KILLED IF AN EXPLOSION HADN'T FREED ME!



AS BRUCE, I RIGGED THE BOARD TO EMIT A HIGH PHOTON LIGHT-BURST IN CASE ECLIPSO ESCAPED AND TURNED THE TABLES ON YOU! REMEMBER, YOU SAID AN INTENSE LIGHT CAUSED HIM TO REVERT TO BRUCE GORDON BEFORE! THE HATCH WAS SPRUNG BY A SMALL TIME BOMB I'D SET!



BRILLIANT! ECLIPSO OUTSMARTED ME-- BUT NOT YOU, BRUCE! YOU'RE MORE THAN A MATCH FOR HIM!

PERHAPS, PROFESSOR-- BUT THIS WAS ONLY ROUND ONE! HE'LL BE BACK AT THE NEXT ECLIPSE... AND WHO WILL WIN THEN?

YES, WHO WILL BE THE VICTOR? GET THE THRILLING ANSWER IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

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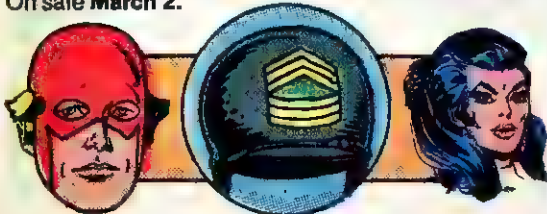
Okay, readers, I'm back—the Big E, with another column on DC coming attractions! You say you want action, mystery, and adventure? Tell you what I'm gonna do! I'll give you a rundown on our upcoming line of the best in all three areas! March is a big month—coming in like a pride of lions, with **Our Army at War**, and going out like—no, not like a lamb, but that super-sweetheart at whom only a villain would say “Bah!”—**Supergirl**! And don't forget, this is the month of DC's first issue of **Korak, Son of Tarzan**!

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Want true tales of **GHOSTS**? That's the title of the mag which gives you the facts—only the names and places are changed, to protect us from avenging spirits. In the **June** issue (**#5**), which hits the stands on **March 2**, there are four chillers—“The Hearse Came at Midnight,” “Caravan of Doom,” “Hands from the Grave,” and “Death, the Pale Horseman.” So my advice is—haunt the newsstands until you find this issue.

Did I say “like a pride of lions”? That's **Easy Company**, led by **Sgt. Rock**, as the men storm their way deep into enemy territory! Why have they ventured so far behind German lines? That's what the Nazis would like to know—and when they capture **Rock**, they do all in their power to get something out of him besides his name, rank and serial number. Will “The Prisoner” break? See **OUR ARMY AT WAR #245 (May)**, on sale **March 2**!

Dr. Cyber returns to plague **WONDER WOMAN** in the **June** issue of her mag (**#200**)! The story is called “The Beauty-Hater,” and takes **Diana Prince** from a high mountaintop to a subterranean chamber of horrors! Oh, and **Jonny Double**, DC's ace detective, is there again, providing new romantic interest for the former Amazon princess. That's not all, either—there's a **Wonder Girl** classic, as well! On sale **March 2**.



The **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA** winds up its battle with **Starbreaker**—the **Cosmic Vampire**—in the **JLA's May** issue (**#98**). And since **Sargon the Sorcerer** figures strongly in the plot, editor **Julie Schwartz** has planned an added treat for you—a **Sargon** tale from the Golden Age! It's titled “The Woman Who Wanted the World!” Better get this star-studded issue—it's on sale **March 7**!

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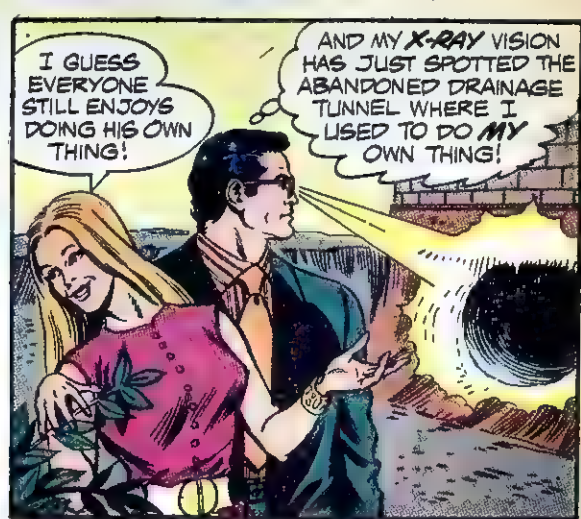
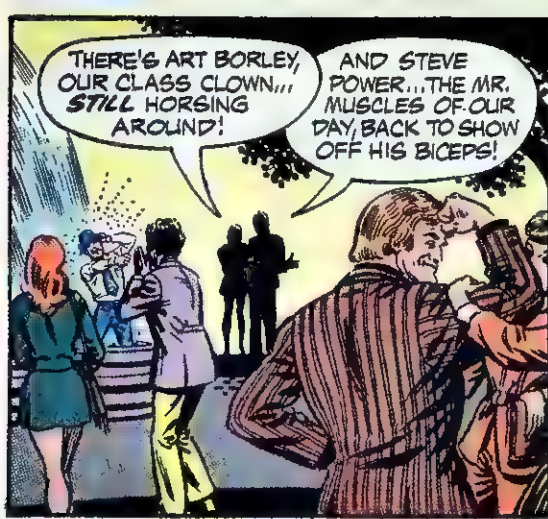
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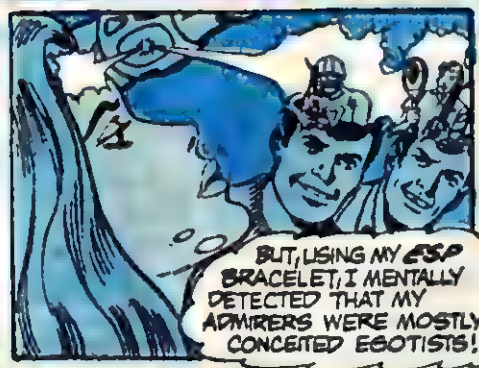
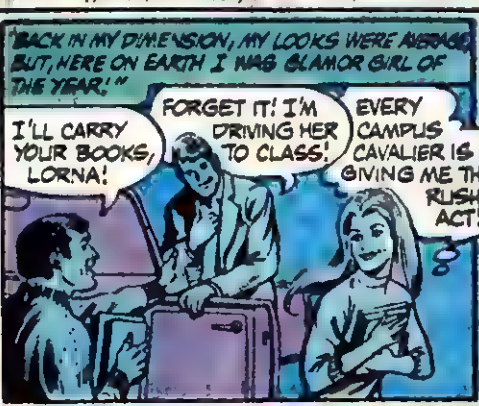
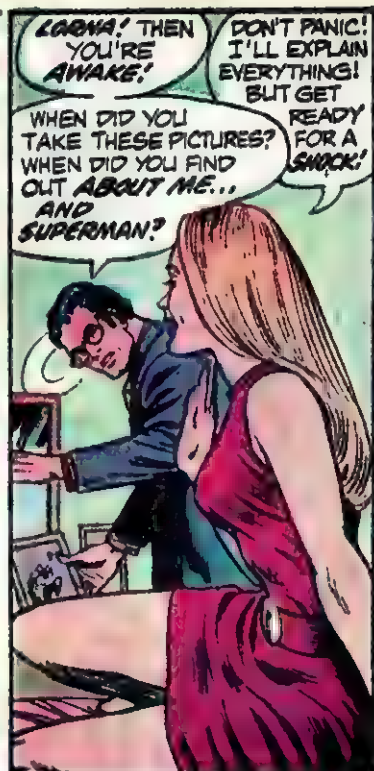
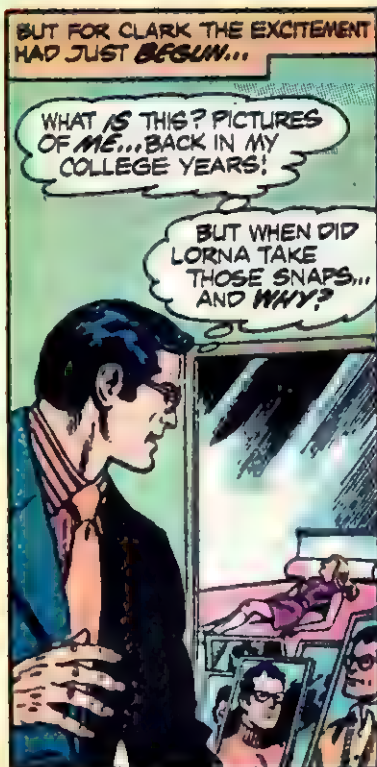
OH, YEAH?
YOU ALWAYS
TREATED ME
LIKE A KID
SISTER!

CLARK, I'LL
CONFESS! YOU
WERE ALWAYS
MY SECRET
FLAME!

AND I HAD A SECRET
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YOU'RE PUTTING ME
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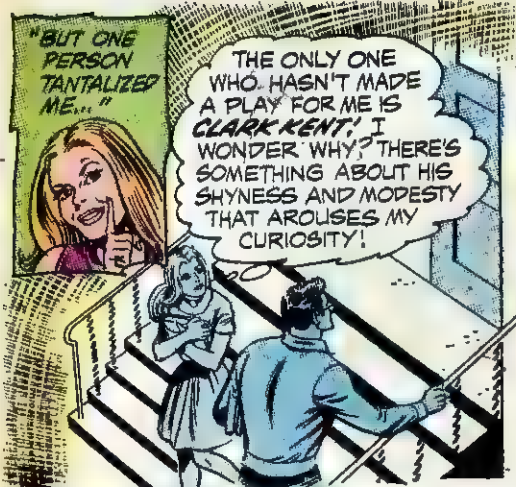
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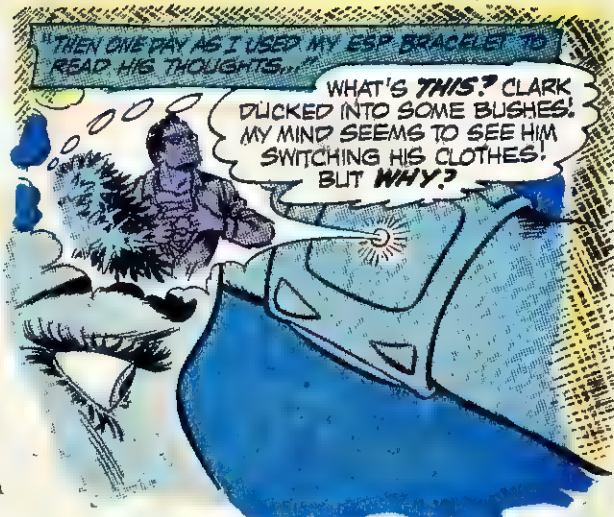
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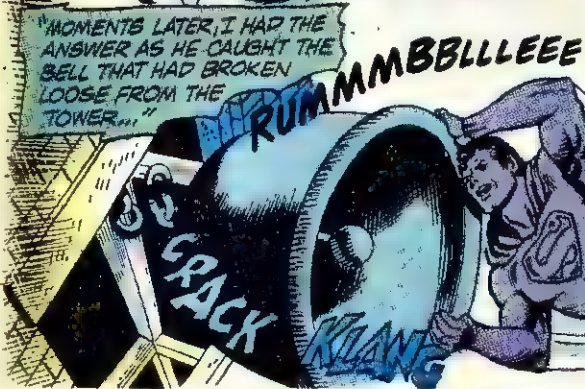
"BUT ONE PERSON TANTALIZED ME..."

THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T MADE A PLAY FOR ME IS CLARK KENT! I WONDER WHY? THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIS SHYNESS AND MODESTY THAT AROUSES MY CURIOSITY!



"THEN ONE DAY AS I USED MY ESP BRACELET TO READ HIS THOUGHTS..."

WHAT'S THIS? CLARK DUCKED INTO SOME BUSHES! MY MIND SEEMS TO SEE HIM SWITCHING HIS CLOTHES! BUT WHY?



"MOMENTS LATER, I HAD THE ANSWER AS HE CAUGHT THE BELL THAT HAD BROKEN LOOSE FROM THE TOWER..."

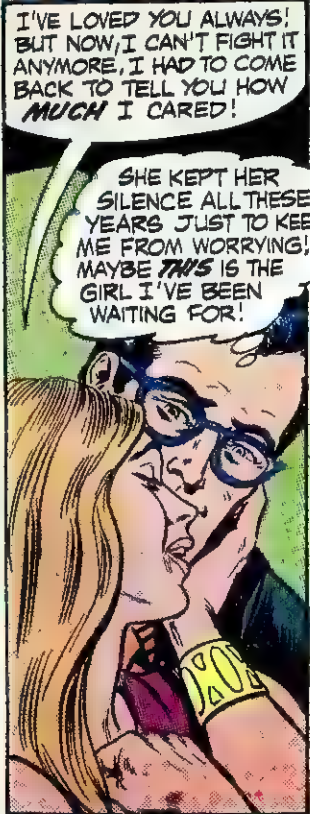
RUMMBBLLLEE

WHY THIS IS FANTASTIC! THAT SHY RETIRING CLARK KENT I LIKED SO MUCH... HE'S REALLY EARTH'S GREATEST HERO, SUPERMAN!



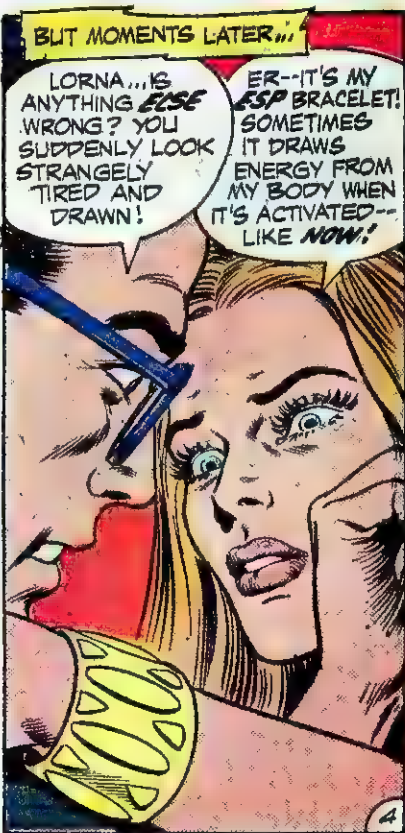
BUT IF YOU KNEW ALL THAT... WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING? YOU HAD THE WORLD'S GREATEST SECRET IN YOUR HANDS!

...A SECRET YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SHARE, CLARK. DEAR! I LOVED YOU TOO MUCH TO WANT TO WORRY YOU OR HURT YOU!



I'VE LOVED YOU ALWAYS! BUT NOW, I CAN'T FIGHT IT ANYMORE, I HAD TO COME BACK TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I CARED!

SHE KEPT HER SILENCE ALL THESE YEARS JUST TO KEEP ME FROM WORRYING! MAYBE THIS IS THE GIRL I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

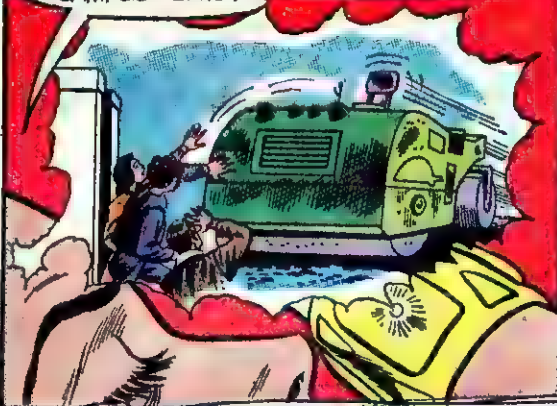


BUT MOMENTS LATER...

LORNA... IS ANYTHING ELSE WRONG? YOU SUDDENLY LOOK STRANGELY TIRED AND DRAWN!

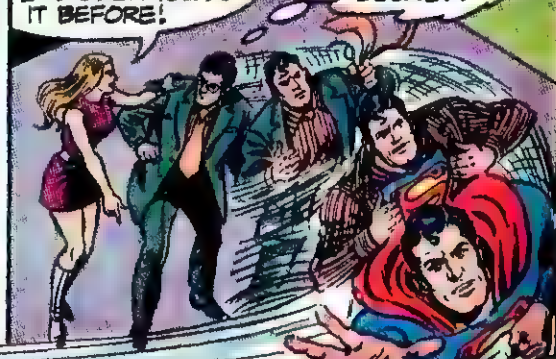
ER--IT'S MY ESP BRACELET! SOMETIMES IT DRAWS ENERGY FROM MY BODY WHEN IT'S ACTIVATED-- LIKE NOW!

CLARK! I'M GETTING A MENTAL VISION OF A RUNAWAY STEAM-ROLLER ABOUT TO CRUSH SOME PEDESTRIANS, JUST OUTSIDE THE CAMPUS GATE!



DON'T JUST STAND THERE! SWITCH TO SUPERMAN AND TAKE OFF!...DON'T BE EMBARRASSED! I'VE SEEN YOU DO IT BEFORE!

SHE'S RIGHT! I'VE NOTHING TO HIDE FROM HER. SHE ALREADY KNOWS MY MOST PRECIOUS SECRET!



SPLIT SECONDS LATER, MIGHTY SUPER-FISTS PREVENT A TRAGEDY...

BLAAMM KRRANNG



YAYY, SUPERMAN!

THEY'RE CHEERING! BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THAT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, MY SUPER-CAREER IS IN JEOPARDY! IF LORNA EVER REVEALS MY SECRET!

AS SUPERMAN SWITCHES BACK TO CLARK...

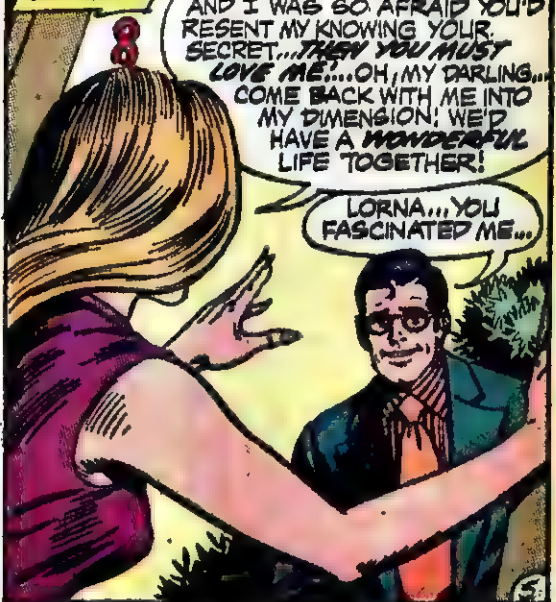
WHAT AM I WORRIED ABOUT? LORNA'S PROVED MY SECRET IS COMPLETELY SAFE WITH HER! SHE LOVES ME! AND LET'S FACE IT--I COULD GO FOR HER MYSELF! I THINK I'LL DROP IN ON HER AGAIN!

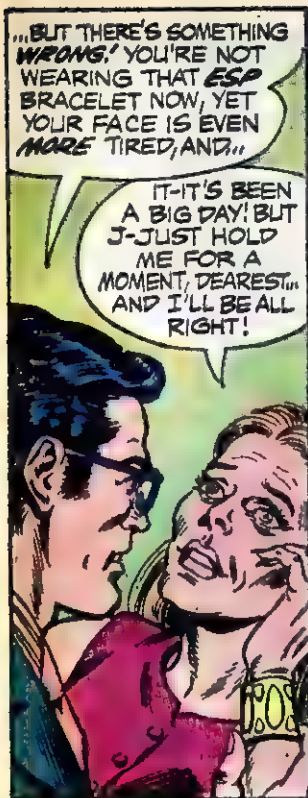


SHORTLY...

CLARK! YOU CAME BACK! AND I WAS SO AFRAID YOU'D RESENT MY KNOWING YOUR SECRET...**THEY YOU MUST LOVE ME!**...OH, MY DARLING... COME BACK WITH ME INTO MY DIMENSION! WE'D HAVE A WONDERFUL LIFE TOGETHER!

LORNA... YOU FASCINATED ME...





"...BUT THERE'S SOMETHING **WRONG**," YOU'RE NOT WEARING THAT **ESP** BRACELET NOW, YET YOUR FACE IS EVEN **MORE** TIRED, AND..."

IT-IT'S BEEN A BIG DAY! BUT J-JUST HOLD ME FOR A MOMENT, DEAREST... AND I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!



BUT WITH EERIE SUDDENNESS...

NO, LORNA! YOU **WON'T** BE ALL RIGHT! YOU WERE WARNED ABOUT THE **OMEGA EFFECT**!

TWO ALIENS... MATERIAL-IZING OUT OF NOWHERE!

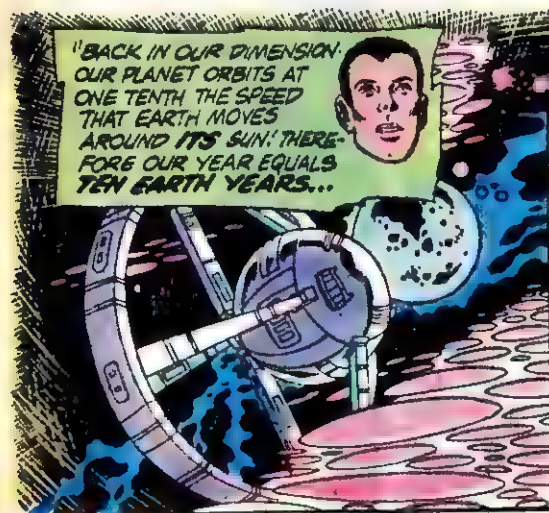
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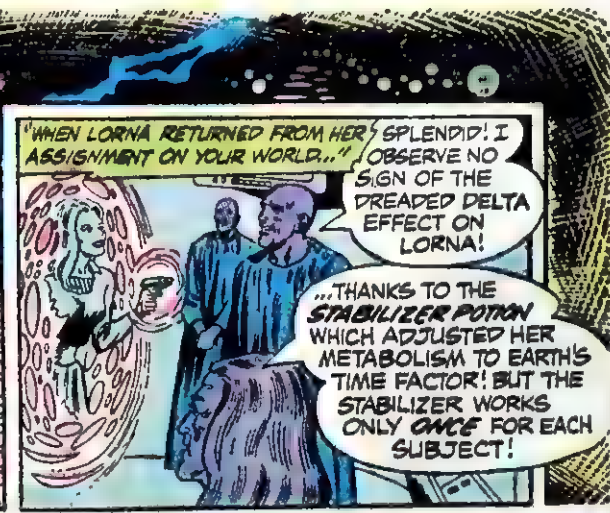
WE'RE **POLICE** FROM **DIMENSION 7**! LORNA'S A **FUGITIVE** FROM OUR WORLD!

YOU MEAN SHE'S A **CRIMINAL**?

SHE'S COMMITTING A CRIME AGAINST **HERSELF**!



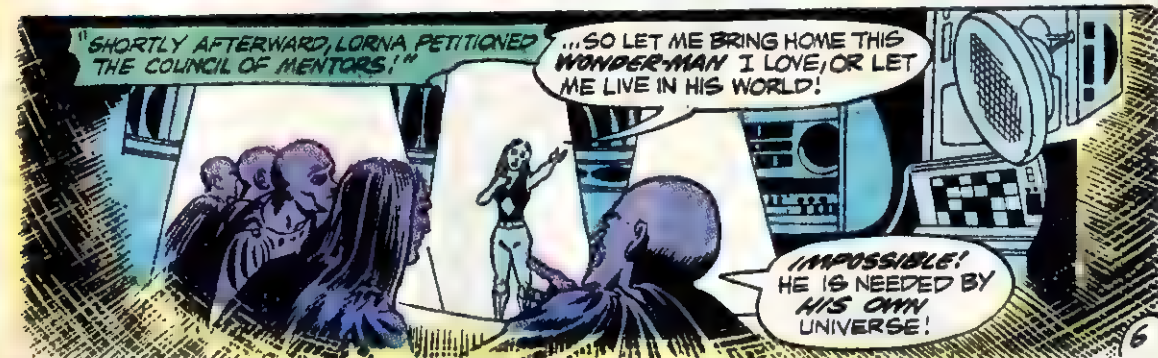
"BACK IN OUR DIMENSION OUR PLANET ORBITS AT ONE TENTH THE SPEED THAT EARTH MOVES AROUND ITS SUN! THEREFORE OUR YEAR EQUALS **TEN** EARTH YEARS..."



"WHEN LORNA RETURNED FROM HER SPLENDID! I ASSIGNMENT ON YOUR WORLD..."

I OBSERVE NO SIGN OF THE DREADED **DELTA** EFFECT ON LORNA!

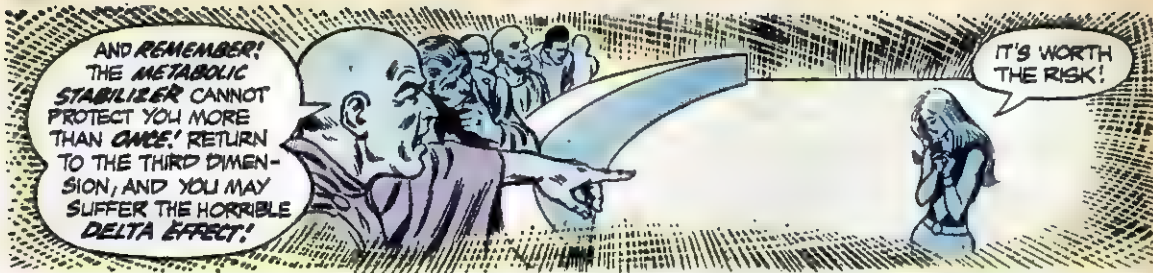
...THANKS TO THE **STABILIZER POTION** WHICH ADJUSTED HER METABOLISM TO EARTH'S TIME FACTOR! BUT THE **STABILIZER** WORKS ONLY **ONCE** FOR EACH SUBJECT!



"SHORTLY AFTERWARD, LORNA PETITIONED THE COUNCIL OF MENTORS!"

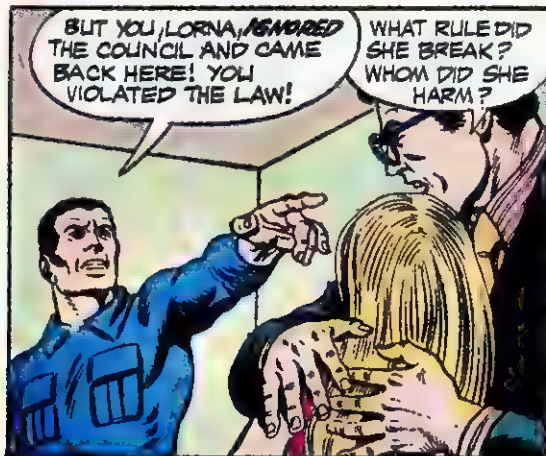
...SO LET ME BRING HOME THIS **WONDER-MAN** I LOVE, OR LET ME LIVE IN HIS WORLD!

IMPOSSIBLE! HE IS NEEDED BY HIS OWN UNIVERSE!



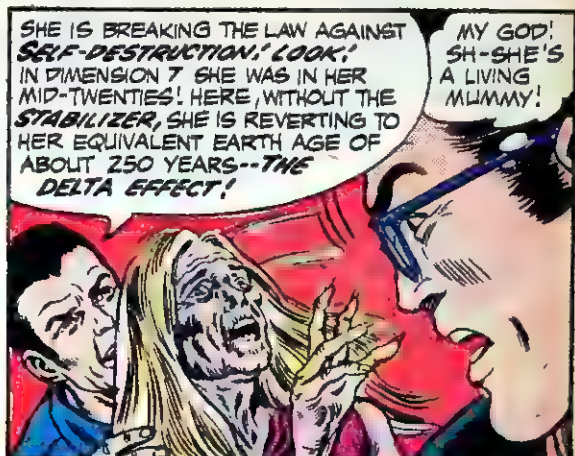
AND REMEMBER! THE METABOLIC STABILIZER CANNOT PROTECT YOU MORE THAN *ONCE*. RETURN TO THE THIRD DIMENSION, AND YOU MAY SUFFER THE HORRIBLE DELTA EFFECT!

IT'S WORTH THE RISK!



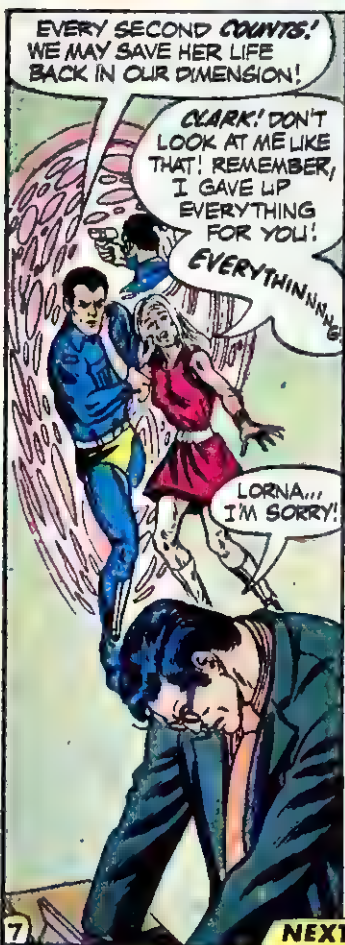
BUT YOU, LORNA, IGNORED THE COUNCIL AND CAME BACK HERE! YOU VIOLATED THE LAW!

WHAT RULE DID SHE BREAK? WHOM DID SHE HARM?



SHE IS BREAKING THE LAW AGAINST *SELF-DESTRUCTION*. LOOK! IN DIMENSION 7 SHE WAS IN HER MID-TWENTIES! HERE, WITHOUT THE STABILIZER, SHE IS REVERTING TO HER EQUIVALENT EARTH AGE OF ABOUT 250 YEARS--THE DELTA EFFECT!

MY GOD! SHE'S A LIVING MUMMY!



EVERY SECOND COUNTS! WE MAY SAVE HER LIFE BACK IN OUR DIMENSION!

CLARK! DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT! REMEMBER, I GAVE UP EVERYTHING FOR YOU! EVERYTHING!

LORNA... I'M SORRY!



WHAT'S THIS...



DOZENS OF PICTURES OF CLARK... AND ONLY ONE OF SUPERMAN! FOR ONCE, THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO LOVED MEEK CLARK KENT INSTEAD OF SUPERMAN!



THEN WITH HIS HEAT VISION...

LORNA... I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU-- AS YOU ONCE WERE!

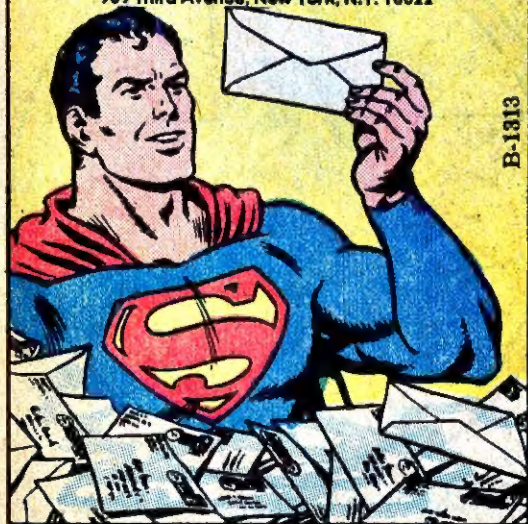
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Dear Editor: I have never read a better comic story in my life. It had the greatest plot, best ending and I really enjoyed seeing Luthor again. What am I talking about? ACTION #407, which featured "The Fiend in the Fortress." Cary Bates has done some excellent yarns, but I must say this is the best. I was beginning to lose my interest in comics, but now I realize what a fool I was. ACTION is one of the greatest DC comics going. And if I do say it myself, I have a mighty good collection of them.

Getting back to the story, who in the world would suspect that Slesar was Lex Luthor? It was mere genius to have him back again.

Also, the "Planet of Prey" was pretty good. But how much can you say in eight pages?

Your magazines have truly convinced me that DC comics are "Where the Action Is."

Howie Oshrin, Bronx, N.Y.

Thanks—and since you're such a Luthor fan, you'll want to get the next SUPERMAN SUPER SPECTACULAR early in April. It features two Golden Age classics—the famed Powerstone tales, which match Superman against a super-powered Luthor.—Ed.



Dear Editor: Do you realize that ACTION COMICS has hardly altered its logo since it began? This makes it the oldest unchanged title at DC. Since DETECTIVE, BATMAN, LOIS LANE, ADVENTURE, and SUPERBOY have changed recently, I have been worried about ACTION. Please do not change it. It's perfectly suitable for the '70's as it was 80 years ago. Besides, I collect ACTION COMICS (155 of them) and they would look odd lined up together with only a few having the new logo. It would break a beautiful streak. I now subscribe to ACTION, so keep me happy.

B. Nelson Campbell, Long Beach, Calif.

You'll notice that ADVENTURE has gone back to the title it had used since 1949. It's true that ACTION'S logo has been unchanged—except for variations in size—since the mag began in 1938.—Ed.



Dear Editor: "The Fiend in the Fortress" was great. But when they were going to the Fortress, "King" Andrews took the precaution of giving his son, Clark and Luthor knockout gas so they wouldn't find out its location. Yet, when Superman brought them back, they could see where they were going and thereby know where the Fortress is.

John Pepitone, Waldrick, N.J.

But since the Fortress is deep in the Arctic wilderness, it would be hard for them to find it again—especially with the camouflage Superman adds in this issue. They know the general direction, but without instruments like those in the plane, they'd have no way of knowing the exact location.—Ed.



Dear Editor: I enjoyed #407 in a somewhat limited fashion. I would like to outline the pluses and minuses and see how we stand.

On the pro side, I have to begin with the artwork. In a word, superlative. When it comes to Superman, Swan and Anderson seem to be inimitable. The reappearance of Luthor was predictable but welcome. He was handled with subtlety, and the unreasoning hatred of Superman at the risk of his own life was well thought out and long overdue. I really enjoyed the way Superman handled his emergency. The predicament of Kent being held as a hostage for protection against Superman was very clever.

Now to the con side. I mentioned predictability before. Well, it was easy to see that King was going to die in order to protect Superman's secret. I was hoping for a more original solution but was disappointed. Mike's instant reformation was fine, but it sounded a bit corny.

Now for my final complaint. I've just about had it with the misrepresentation on your covers. Your excuse of attracting readers just does not hold water. There were so many exciting scenes in the story that you could have used without surrendering your integrity that your rationalization falls apart.

By the way, my DC collection numbers over 2,000, so you must be doing something right.

All things considered, "The Fiend in the Fortress" was intelligent and entertaining, and isn't that what comics are all about?

Illona R. Arywitz, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Yes, that's it! On the subject of people who learn Superman's secrets, though, you should take nothing for granted. Take Pete Ross, for instance. He learned Superboy was Clark Kent long ago—and he still knows, as an adult, though Superman isn't aware of this. Or take Brainiac. Some years back, he found the location of the Fortress, yet he wasn't destroyed or brainwashed. He later used that knowledge, in the story wherein he was taken apart in the Fortress—where he is today. Lois Lane learned the location once, too, when she had temporary superpowers—and nothing was done to make her forget.—Ed.

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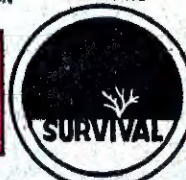
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